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## Teens arrested after toy guns pointed at cop

**LANGLEY** Two teenage boys were arrested at gunpoint in Langley after an off-duty officer reported having two guns — which later turned out to be toys — pointed at her.

Cpl. Holly Marks said when backup arrived the 15-year-olds took off and were quickly caught and taken down at gunpoint.

"These two young men were brought to their parents and cautioned on the dangers of displaying a weapon in this manner," Marks said.

"Given the heightened awareness to gun violence in the Lower Mainland, the potential to misidentify recreational firearms ... is high." **METRO VANCOUVER**

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22

GoGreen

In honour of Earth Day on Wednesday, Metro is providing you with ways you can go green and lessen your environmental footprint.



**TODAY COMMENT AND VIEWS.** Deborah Coyne explains why Ottawa should follow Obama's climate policy. Page 11.  
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**EARTH DAY GOING GREEN.** Metro marks Earth Day with its special Green issue.

**MOVIES.** We have a review of the Disney film Earth.

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American ski jumper and current world champion Lindsey Van, centre, flanked by Canadian jumper Zoya Lynch and Women's Ski Jumping USA president Deedee Corradini, outside B.C. Supreme Court yesterday.

## Ski jumpers' catch-22

Lawyer argues lack of recognition limits high-level training

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2010 Games

In a way, it's a catch-22 that's keeping the world's top female ski jumpers from getting to compete in the 2010 Olympics, the lawyer representing 15 jumpers argued in B.C. Supreme Court yesterday.

Ross Clark, who was speaking during the first day of a discrimination hearing against VANOC, said generations of girls have been discouraged from pursuing a career as ski jumpers because their

sport has never been recognized in the Olympics.

In 2006, the IOC voted against including women's ski jumping in 2010, saying there haven't been enough world championships, and there aren't enough competing women, to justify the sport's inclusion in the Games.

"Historical prejudices have meant there were few competitions, but it's the lack of competitions that the IOC is using as its justi-

fication for barring the women," Clark said.

"This is a hurdle they can't overcome through athleticism and determination."

Norwegian jumper Anette Sagen said athletes need sponsors to fund their careers, but it's impossible to get sponsored if they aren't Olympians.

And without the Olympics as a goal, there's less incentive for women to train at an elite level, added American jumper Lindsey Van, in response to the IOC's argument that there aren't enough women com-

peting in the sport.

It was that sense of discouragement that pushed Whistler-based jumper Zoya Lynch to retirement this year.

"It was too hard to balance training and fighting the biggest sport organization in the world," Lynch, who is still a plaintiff, said. "If they don't allow women to compete (in 2010) a lot of (other girls) will drop out."

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## Hostage drama ends peacefully

**JAMAICA** A would-be hijacker surrendered to the authorities after releasing the last of more than 180 hostages he seized hours earlier aboard a Canadian charter jet in Montego Bay, Jamaica.

The suspect, described as "a troubled young man" who had demanded to be flown to Cuba, breached security about 10 p.m. on Sunday to force his way aboard the CanJet charter flight at Sangster International Airport in Jamaica's prime tourist resort.

A shot was fired as the drama unfolded, but no one was wounded, a senior police official said.

CanJet said the incident aboard Flight 918, involving a Boeing 737-800 aircraft with 182 passengers and crew, occurred after it made a scheduled landing in Montego Bay en route from Halifax to Cuba.

Kent Woodside, CanJet vice-president and general manager, told a pre-dawn news conference in Halifax that all 174 passengers and two crew members had been safely removed from the aircraft, but six crew were still on the plane with the gunman on the tarmac at Sangster International.

After tense negotiations, personally overseen by Jamaican Prime Minister Bruce Golding and his national security minister, Dwight Nelson, the gunman freed his remaining hostages unharmed and surrendered to police.

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Hostages freed from a CanJet flight in Jamaica recount their experience: VIDEO at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)

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**Tour to promote 'monster trees'**

The Western Canada Wilderness Committee is hosting a "monster trees tour" in Victoria tomorrow, calling for a heritage tree designation that would identify and protect 100 of the province's largest and oldest trees. The province currently has a "register of big trees" that lists the 10 largest trees of each species in B.C. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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# Local



## Tire program hits milestone mark

Tire Stewardship B.C., the non-profit society that manages B.C.'s tire recycling program, will reach the 50-million tire mark this spring — enough tires to reach around the Earth at the equator. The used tires are used in playgrounds or recycled into synthetic turf fields and rubber flooring. More than 80 per cent of the 40,000 tonnes of scrap tires are collected in B.C. annually is recycled.

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### News in brief

**ASSAULT** One of the Lower Mainland's most chronic offenders is back in jail after allegedly "sucker punching" a hockey fan on the street, news1130.com reports. Mohammed Rahimi, 22, was arrested in North Vancouver and will also be charged with possession of a controlled substance for the purpose of trafficking.

**COURTS** Vancouver's police chief says a recent court ruling denying bail to two alleged gang members will help increase the public's confidence in the judicial system. Udhay Sanghera and Gordon Taylor have been charged with weapons offences arising out of Project Rebellion. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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What's online today.

**Video** Hostages freed from a CanJet flight in Jamaica recount their experience at [metronews.ca/canada](http://metronews.ca/canada)  
**Your Money** Allan Small on how to best take advantage of a market that continues to defy expectations at [metronews.ca/investing](http://metronews.ca/investing)  
**Blogs** Hollywood Rants with movie titles that got lost in translation, and Kenya Hunt takes note of the latest person to embrace Michael Jackson fashion: Michael Jackson

# City art gallery goes to pot

Thousands light up joints to celebrate cannabis culture at 4/20 event

**MINÉ SALKIN**  
for Metro Vancouver



**A crowd of more than 5,000 people lit joints and got high outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday to celebrate 4/20, the annual cannabis culture gala.**

The impenetrable mass of people at the event counted down to 4:20 p.m., and then proceeded to spark up joints, pipes and bongos. The sky filled with a massive plume of smoke. From teenagers to the middle-aged, the festivity attracted a wide demographic of pot smokers.

Jannis, who moved to Vancouver from Germany in July after graduating



A girl holds a lit joint in celebration of 4/20 outside the Vancouver Art Gallery yesterday. The joint weighs about seven grams. The annual event attracted several thousand marijuana enthusiasts.

from culinary school, rolled up a hash joint and drank imported beer on the steps of the VAG.

"I've never seen anything like this before," he said, adding that he was surprised to see the size of

the celebration. "The people here really know how to enjoy themselves," he said. "I think

4/20 is an indicator for this kind of lifestyle."

An 18-year-old girl sitting with her friends said that they had been waiting more than two years to participate in the event.

"We came all the way from Calgary for this," she said.

"We had to lie to our moms," said one of her friends.

B.C. Green Party candidate Jodie Emery and her husband, Marc Emery from the B.C. Marijuana Party, were seen handing out pamphlets for the upcoming May 12 election.

"Some people have been here since 7:30 this morning," Jodie Emery said.

"It's a great crowd today."

## TransLink test a success: Official

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**MASS TRANSIT** TransLink has a better understanding of what it can expect during the Olympics after the Sun Run, which it's calling a "successful dry run" ahead of the Games.

Tom Prendergast, CEO of TransLink, said commuters can be reassured that transportation will run smoothly after seeing how well staff handled the "steady flow of Sun Run

### Big crowds

• Around 12,000 people take the SkyTrain to GM Place when Canucks games are sold out.

participants" at Stadium Station on Sunday.

Of the more than 50,000 people who took part in the Sun Run, 16,000 came by SkyTrain, Prendergast said.

West Coast Express ran

one train each way to accommodate the crowds — carrying almost 900 people into Vancouver — and Coast Mountain and West Vancouver buses were re-routed to help keep the Sun Run streets clear.

"I'm impressed with the way our staff worked through their break times to make sure crowds were managed effectively," Prendergast added. "So people can expect the same customer service next year, when the Olympics come around."

## Supreme Court reserves judgement over murder case

**LAW** The Supreme Court of Canada has reserved judgment on whether Kelly Ellard should face a fourth trial in the murder of Victoria teenager Reena Virk.

The court said it would release written decision in the future, but did not say when.

Ellard, 27, has faced

three trials in the 1997 murder — two ending in convictions and a third in a hung jury.

A judge ruled in September that the latest conviction be overturned because the judge in that trial didn't explicitly warn the jury about how much weight to put on the testimony of a witness. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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## Man says Canucks jersey got him kicked from bar

**SAM SMITH**  
for Metro Vancouver



**CONFRONTATION** A man claims he was kicked out of a downtown bar a few minutes after the second Canucks-Blues playoff game on Friday because he was wearing a Canucks jersey.

Mark James was out enjoying the game at the Library Square Pub, a place he often frequents before Canucks games.

This time, he was wearing his jersey, jacket and hat — all of which sport the Canucks logo.

Minutes after the game ended, bouncers asked him to take off the jersey or leave.

"After refusing, they forced me out for not removing my jersey," James said.

Library Square management said they kicked James and his friend out for being drunk, but James said that is a blatant lie.

"They said I was drunk. I was far from it," James said.

**"They said I was drunk. I was far from it."**

Mark James

said. "I'm contemplating filing a suit for defamation against the restaurant."

Management also said the no-jersey rule is in place to reduce fights that could erupt between angry fans.

"I am the friendliest giant, I have never been in a fight," James said. "I'll rip (other fans) a little bit, but it's all in good fun."

### News in brief

**EARTH DAY** The Green party will be holding two rallies in honour of Earth Day tomorrow. Participants will be gathering at noon outside the Vancouver Art Gallery and at 7:30 p.m. in Stanley Park.

**ZOO** The Greater Vancouver Zoo has introduced two new zebras back to its Alergrove facility, two months after four of its zebras suddenly died there. Vets found the animals died of

muscle damage triggered by panic after two buffaloes were introduced to their enclosure.

**POLITICS** Pot activist Marc Emery, president of the B.C. Marijuana Party, said his party will not field candidates against the Green party in the May 12 provincial election, cbc.ca reports. Emery's wife, Jodie, is a Green candidate in the Vancouver-Fraserview area.

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## MLA looking out for renters

Video used to fight unfair policies, rental hikes in West End

**MINÉ SALKIN**  
for Metro Vancouver



**New Democrat MLA Spencer Herbert put a little heart into traditional politics when he unveiled a video yesterday campaigning for renters' rights in the West End.**

Stopping rent hikes and unfair housing policies are top priorities in his campaign.

"There isn't a day that goes by without us hearing about people getting evicted, or having to leave because of rent increases," he said.

We "Heart" West End, a 40-second video, was put together by Herbert's team of artists and activists. It has been circulating over Facebook, Twitter and e-mail.

"We're encouraging people to pass the movie along, to get others educated and active about the is-



NDP MLA Spencer Herbert watches the short video We "Heart" West End at his campaign office on Denman Street. Herbert is an advocate for fair and balanced rental policies.

sue," Herbert said.

Like himself, Herbert said that 80 per cent of West End residents are renters.

"It's the unique mix of seniors, young families and others who make this

community feel like a real home."

For the May 12 election, Herbert has pledged a comprehensive review of the Residential Tenancy Act. He wants to prevent landlords from jacking up

rental costs and "reno-victing" their tenants.

"Large management companies specialize in finding loopholes in the act to evict people," he said. "It's so easy to be abused as a renter."

## Celebrities target violence against women

**ACTIVISM** Local celebrities gathered yesterday to pledge an end to violence against women as part of Violence Prevention Week. Included in the event were Olympic champion Daniel Igali and B.C. Lion Jerome Dennis.

Igali wasn't there in person, but he sent in a video as proof of his pledge.

"Speaking out against violence is important because silence condones it," Igali said. "Relationships, families and societies need to be free from all forms of violence."

Vancouver Coun. Ellen Woodsworth also took the pledge.

"In times of recession, vi-



B.C. Lion Jerome Dennis speaks by a panel of speakers condemning violence against women at the Roundhouse Community Centre yesterday. The event was part of Violence Prevention Week.

olence increases three-fold," she said. "I believe we need to stand together and Vancouver can become a much safer city."

Violence Prevention Week runs from April 19 to 26.

**SAM SMITH/**  
**FOR METRO VANCOUVER**

## 1,600 pot plants found in house

**CRIME** Mounties seized 1,600 marijuana plants Friday in a raid at a Langley home, RCMP said yesterday.

The police had received a tip from B.C. Hydro that the residence had been stealing electricity.

The owner of the house, a 42-year-old Vancouver man, was arrested and is to appear in court June 12.

Langley Cpl. Holly Marks said the house was declared "uninhabitable" due to mould and extensive water damage caused by the hydroponic operation.

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## Green certifications for aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium is the first aquarium in the world to achieve Gold LEED and ISO 14001 certifications, the organization said yesterday. The certifications reflect the environmental design and management of the aquarium. **METRO VANCOUVER**

# NDP calls for probe into rail deal

## RCMP asked to investigate Liberal insider Kinsella's role in 2003 sale

**SAM SMITH**  
for Metro Vancouver



**The NDP is calling for a criminal investigation into the role of a B.C. Liberal insider in the sale of BC Rail to CN Rail in 2003.**

The party said yesterday that court documents "strongly suggest" Patrick Kinsella, a government contractor who also co-chaired the previous two B.C. Liberal election campaigns, assisted CN Rail with its successful bid while working on behalf of the B.C. government.

"We believe there are sufficient grounds for the



NDP MLA Leonard Krog stands outside courts yesterday. Krog is calling for a criminal investigation against CN Rail and government contractor Patrick Kinsella.

RCMP to launch an investigation focusing on Mr. Kinsella's dual role with BC Rail and CN," NDP MLA Leonard Krog said.

According to Krog, who

sent a letter to deputy commissioner Gary Bass asking for action by the RCMP, CN may have broken the law by allegedly paying Kinsella when he

was already under contract with BC Rail.

"We are asking the RCMP to move expeditiously so that British Columbians can once and

for all know the truth about the corruption scandal that leads to the heart of Premier Campbell's office," Krog said.

B.C. Liberal Leader Gordon Campbell was critical of the NDP's decision to focus on BC Rail, the CBC reported.

"It's pretty sad what we're seeing, I think, right now with the Opposition — a party that used to be recognized as a party of principle with sound policy ideas, whether people agreed with them or not — becoming a party that looks pretty desperate and pretty expedient," Campbell told reporters.

## Ottawa gets taste of West Coast

**CULTURE** West Coast fever will take over the nation's capital when B.C. Scene sets up shop in Ottawa today.

The National Arts



Diana Krall

Centre has invited the best of British Columbia's art and culture, including more than 600

performers and 90

events spanning music, theatre, visual arts, dance and culinary arts to the city.

Notable artists include singer Diana Krall, chef Melissa Craig, and author, artist and professor Ashok Mathur.

**METRO CANADA**



One of the photos from Ray Lam's Facebook page that led to his resignation as an NDP candidate for Vancouver-False Creek.

## NDP seeking replacement for candidate who resigned

**SAM SMITH**  
for Metro Vancouver



**ELECTION** B.C.'s New Democrats are on the hunt to find a candidate for Vancouver-False Creek following the sudden resignation of Ray Lam.

NDP president Jeff Fox said a replacement is already in the works and that the response from the community has been great.

"Since the announcement last night we've had many calls from people expressing interest in running to go and kick Camp-

bell's butt," he said.

Lam's decision to step out of the race came after photos from his personal Facebook account showing him touching a woman's breast and having his underpants tugged leaked to the public.

"I'm confident in the (candidate) we'll use this time around," Fox said, adding that the party would hold a nomination meeting within the next three days to choose a new candidate to face Liberal Mary McNeil and the Green party's Damian Kettlewell.

## News in brief

**BLAST** Four teens were rushed to hospital with serious burns to their faces, arms and upper bodies following a gas explosion, Abbotsford police said yesterday. The burns were not life threatening.

**FERRY** The Queen of Prince Rupert was retired from service after 43 years of ferrying passengers through B.C. waters.

More than 200 people attended a special ceremony in Prince Rupert yesterday. The new Northern Expedition will begin sailing the Port Hardy-Prince Rupert route next month.

**BRIDGE** A vehicle fire closed the Lions Gate Bridge to traffic during yesterday's rush hour. Traffic was backed up throughout downtown. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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Canada's unionized autoworkers can either accept pay cuts and other concessions or lose their jobs, Industry Minister Tony Clement said matter-of-factly yesterday, emphasizing that the future of the Big Three automakers hinges on the CAW and the companies reaching a deal this week. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

# Canada



## Raising donation awareness

Yesterday was the start of National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week. The organization is trying to bring the issue of organ donation to young people with an initiative that features a \$1-million advertising campaign aimed at 15- to 24-year-olds and includes a new website, [RecycleMe.org](http://RecycleMe.org), which contains videos of people talking about how the issue of organ donation touched their lives. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## Possible negative side-effects of texting

**Professor Tim Blackmore has learned not to get upset at the messages his students send him.**

"They sound like they're going to burn your door down," says Blackmore, who teaches information and media studies at the University of Western Ontario.

"They send messages that are both lazy and in the imperative — 'Hey, u didn't tell me what was wrong with my paper.'

"You think, that's some crust. But then they come into your office and they are crying. They are nice people. But their messages are surface, not about depth. They need to step back and get some context."

Is instant messaging, texting and twittering making

**"A young child may not know the social implications of what they are doing and seeing."**

Mary Helen Immordino-Yang

us mean?

This was the question swirling in the wake of a study that showed the brain needs eight seconds to register social pain or virtue and produce related emotions.

Whereas physical pain, says researcher Mary Helen Immordino-Yang, is recognized almost instantly. While the study — released yesterday by the National Academy of Sciences in its Online Early Edition — did not look at instant messaging, Immordino-Yang acknowledged that its findings on the time lapse to register compassion might

apply to the field of rapid communication.

"What it suggests is that we should think seriously about certain kinds of media exposure," she said. "A young child may not know the social implications of what they are doing and seeing. It is an open question and suggests the need for further research."

Our brains register the pain of others as if it were our own, says Immordino-Yang, with physical pain being "felt" in one part of the cerebral cortex and social pain being "felt" in another part. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## 4:20 Toke on the Hill



A Gatineau, Que., resident who identified himself as Mike smokes an oversized joint on Parliament Hill in Ottawa during the annual 4/20 celebration. Thousands of revellers and marijuana activists gathered yesterday — the 20th day of the fourth month — to light up at exactly 4:20 p.m.

## Animal cancer centre to be Canada's first

**DONATION** The University of Guelph will use the largest donation in its history to help fund Canada's first cancer centre for animals.

Canadian businesswoman Mona Campbell, who died last May, left \$7.5 million to the university's Ontario Veterinary College, which will use half the money for animal

welfare programs and half for the cancer centre.

"She was an animal lover. That was her connection to the University of Guelph," Ontario Veterinary College dean Elizabeth Stone said yesterday. "Mona Campbell gave us these funds to help strengthen and enhance what we are already doing." **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

## News in brief

**POLITICS** NDP Leader Jack Layton says the Tory government owes it to Canadians to cushion the recession's blow by improving Employment Insurance.

**SASKATCHEWAN** Nolan Royce Turcotte, a Regina teenager convicted of killing a Good Samaritan on Boxing Day, 2006, will serve his time in prison, a judge has decided. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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## Pro-Tamil rally

Protesters said they expect 25,000 Tamil supporters to join today's demonstration in Ottawa. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

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# Test results unheeded: Maple Leaf president

## Bacteria in sampling months before outbreak

**Better scrutiny of test results showing an increased presence of harmful bacteria at a Toronto meat-processing plant would have prevented a nationwide outbreak linked to 21 deaths, says the head of Maple Leaf Foods.**

"What we didn't do then, and what we do now, is apply sophisticated investigative and pattern-recognition science to analyze test results to better determine root cause," Maple Leaf Foods CEO and president Michael McCain told MPs at the parliamentary agriculture committee yesterday.

The MPs have formed a subcommittee on food safety to study how a strain of listeria monocytogenes linked to ready-to-eat meats produced at the Maple Leaf facility in

### Change delayed

- New policy regulations stemming from the crisis have made environmental monitoring mandatory, but a Toronto Star/CBC investigation revealed red tape had delayed its implementation because inspectors were not properly trained.

Toronto played a role in 21 deaths and an unknown number of illnesses across the country last August.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) said in a report that an environmental sampling program at the plant, which swabs the surfaces of equipment rather than testing the product itself, had identified positive results for the dangerous

bacteria as early as May.

That was about three months before the CFIA notified Maple Leaf that three sliced meat products from the plant had tested positive for the bacteria and the company issued the largest voluntary recall in Canadian history.

But Maple Leaf just filed the results away in a binder kept at the plant, which was available to the CFIA but never shown directly to the agency until after the outbreak.

McCain said the company conducted 3,000 swab tests on equipment at the Toronto plant every year, sanitizing and retesting every time there was a positive result, but did not pay enough attention to the program because it was voluntary.

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## Calgary Castoff creations



Charlotte Chevrefils, 27, left, and Nicole Mears, 19, look at the Chaos of the World art at Sunridge Mall in Calgary yesterday. It and 10 other pieces, made of high school cafeteria trash, are set up for the Eco Sculpture Contest. The winner will be announced tomorrow on Earth Day.

## No need to reopen NAFTA: U.S.

It is not necessary to renegotiate the North American Free Trade Agreement to honour U.S. President Barack Obama's campaign promise to add stronger labour and environmental provisions, the top U.S. trade official said yesterday.

"The president has said we will look at all options, but I think they can be addressed without having to reopen the agreement," U.S. Trade Representative Ron Kirk told reporters in

### Trade pact

- Although most mainstream U.S. business and farm groups credit NAFTA with boosting U.S. exports and increasing

economic efficiency in North America, union groups in many manufacturing states blame the pact for heavy job losses.

a conference call on trade issues discussed at the Summit of Americas meeting this past weekend in Trinidad.

Kirk's statement was the latest indication that Obama

would not press for a full-fledged renegotiation of the 15-year-old North American trade accord, despite complaints he made about the pact in last year's campaign. **REUTERS**

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Hundreds of prisoners in an eastern Indian jail went on a hunger strike after authorities refused to allow inmates to watch one of India's biggest cricket tournaments on cable television. About 500 prisoners in Kolkata had requested cable television to watch the Indian Premier League. **REUTERS**

# World



## Hawking in hospital

Physicist Stephen Hawking, the author of *A Brief History of Time* who is almost completely paralyzed by motor neurone disease, has been urgently admitted to hospital, Cambridge University said yesterday. It appeared his latest illness was related to a chest infection, although no diagnosis has been released yet. **REUTERS**

## Anti-Israel talk spurs walkout

**Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad prompted a rare walkout at the United Nations yesterday when he called Israel a "cruel and repressive racist regime" in his remarks to a conference on race.**

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon deplored the address, which prompted dozens of delegates to leave their seats, further undermining the summit, which several western powers are boycotting.

Their boycott left Ahmadinejad, who has in the past cast doubt on the Nazi Holocaust, in the spotlight

as the only head of state at the conference.

"Following World War Two they resorted to military aggressions to make an entire nation homeless under the pretext of Jewish suffering. And they sent migrants ... in order to establish a totally racist government in the occupied Palestine," he said, according to the official translation.

"And, in fact, in compensation for the dire consequences of racism in Europe, they helped bring to power the most cruel and repressive racist regime in Palestine." **REUTERS**



A demonstrator is carried away as Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad addresses a UN conference on racism at its European headquarters in Geneva yesterday.

## Military gives Tamil Tigers 24 hours to admit defeat

**CIVIL WAR** Sri Lanka yesterday gave the Tamil Tigers 24 hours to surrender after troops breached a huge earthen defence and unleashed an exodus of tens of thousands of civilians held there by the rebels, the military said.

Sri Lanka's quarter-century separatist war has come down to a strip of coastline,

where the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) are making a last stand while urging a ceasefire to protect civilians.

With so many civilians now outside the 17-square-kilometre no-fire zone, Sri Lanka warned LTTE chief Vellupillai Prabhakaran to surrender or face a military showdown. **REUTERS**

### News in brief

**SOMALIA** Gunmen have demanded a \$1-million ransom for the release of three medical-aid workers taken over the weekend in Somalia. The charity MSF-Belgium in

Brussels confirmed that two male doctors from Belgium and Holland were kidnapped. A local MSF worker said that a Somali employee had also been taken. **REUTERS**

INFORMATION FEATURE

# Anxious? You can get help



Anxiety can be a powerful force in a child's life, says Kids Help Phone counsellor Aren Vandelden.

**ANXIETY** Living in an adult world can leave some kids with a powerful sense of anxiety, but help is often just a phone call away.

Aren Vandelden, a counsellor with Kids Help Phone, said what makes anxiety such a powerful negative force in a child's life is how prevalent it is in almost any part of life.

"Anxiety is connected to so many issues. It's connected to mom and dad fighting. It's connected to bullying, it's connected to addiction and abuse. It's

**"Anxiety can have a profound effect on mental health and family relationships. Often, kids fall between the cracks."**

Kids Help Phone counsellor Aren Vandelden

the cause of many behaviours and the consequence of many behaviours as well," Vandelden said.

Anxiety can be a complex problem for kids to deal with because often they don't understand what's making them feel the way they do and they are afraid to talk about it.

"At home, often kids feel they cannot talk about their anxiety so they're left alone at a time and age when they're not able to navigate it," Vandelden said.

The consequences of anxiety can lead to lowered grades, lowered self-esteem, depression, and

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problems with friends and family.

"Anxiety can have a profound effect on mental health and family relationships. Often, kids fall between the cracks," Vandelden said.

When it comes to kids,

no individual case of anxiety is exactly the same as any other, but common threads can be found, particularly in relationships, Vandelden said. While older kids may tend to experience a different set of anxieties than younger ones, any child can feel debilitated by anxiety.

"Older teens are worried because of the pressure usually put on them to

get better grades and get into the right school. Younger kids are worried because they see their parents under pressure and fighting," Vandelden said.

The most important message kids need to hear is that no matter what's causing their anxiety, there are effective ways to deal with their anxiety and getting help from a counsellor is a great place to start.

"Anxiety is manageable but keeping it to yourself keeps you in that situation. At Kids Help Phone we can help kids interpret what's happening and find

a way to express themselves," she said. Vandelden hopes more

kids in difficult situations will pick up the phone to seek help. "I always commend kids on the fact that they reached out and talked. The goal is to be able to cope with anxiety and look for support," Vandelden said.





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Pakistani jets and helicopter gunships killed 20 militants, according to residents and a military official yesterday, in an attack on a Taliban commander who claimed responsibility for a bombing last week. **REUTERS**

# Israeli PM says recognition not needed for talks

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday he had not made Palestinian recognition of Israel as a Jewish state a precondition for opening peace negotiations.

Comments last week on the issue by a senior official in the Prime Minister's Office led many media outlets in Israel to report that Netanyahu had set those terms for holding talks with Western-backed Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

Palestinians said at the time that Netanyahu, on a collision course with the U.S. over his reluctance to commit to Palestinian statehood, raised a new demand to try to avoid entering serious negotiations.

In a new statement, Netanyahu's office said he believed it would be impossible to achieve a peace agreement without recognition of Israel as a Jewish state — a position voiced

## Talks promised

- Netanyahu has pledged to hold talks with the Palestinians on economic, security and diplomatic issues but has made no public promise to negotiate statehood.

by Israeli officials last week and rejected by the Palestinians. But, it added, "the prime minister never made that a precondition for the opening of negotiations and dialogue with the Palestinians."

Palestinians fear recognition of Israel as a Jewish state could help Israeli leaders resist any return of Palestinian refugees who fled or were forced to leave their homes in a 1948 war.

Those fears were heightened five years ago after then-U.S. president George W. Bush described Israel as a Jewish state in a letter to its former prime minister Ariel Sharon. **REUTERS**

## Spain Man vs. bull



Spanish bullfighter Joselillo tries to perform a pass to a bull during a bullfight in The Maestranza bull-ring in Seville, Spain, yesterday.

## News in brief

**FIJI** The UN Security Council deplored yesterday what it called a "step backwards" in Fiji, demanding that the South Pacific island resume moves toward democracy and hold elections as soon as possible. Fiji has been plunged into a political crisis since its president reappointed military chief Frank Bainimarama as interim

prime minister on April 11, less than two days after a court ruled his 2006 coup and subsequent government illegal.

**SENEGAL** Senegal's court of appeal has overturned the jail sentences of nine homosexuals arrested in December, according to a statement released by UNAIDS yesterday.

The nine men had been sentenced to eight-year prison terms in January for "acts against nature and the creation of an association of criminals," sparking criticism from diplomats and international organizations like Human Rights Watch and UNAIDS.

**REUTERS**

## Nuclear watchdog calls for dialogue

**DISPUTES** UN nuclear watchdog chief Mohamed ElBaradei said yesterday more talk and deeper trust were needed to diffuse nuclear disputes with North Korea and Iran, and urged Washington to stick to dialogue with both states.

ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said he hoped North Korea, which expelled IAEA monitors last week, would soon invite them back and avoid confrontation, and that Iran would reciprocate recent friendly U.S. overtures by opening its nuclear activities to broader inspections.

"The only way to resolve these issues is not through flexing muscles," said ElBaradei. He was speaking at a news conference in Beijing during an international meeting on nuclear energy policy.

He praised U.S. President Barack Obama's administration for backing dialogue with Tehran and holding out the hope of renewed six-party nuclear disarmament talks with Pyongyang. **REUTERS**



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# Comment & Views

## Comment

### Down with dinosaurs

#### NationalReport

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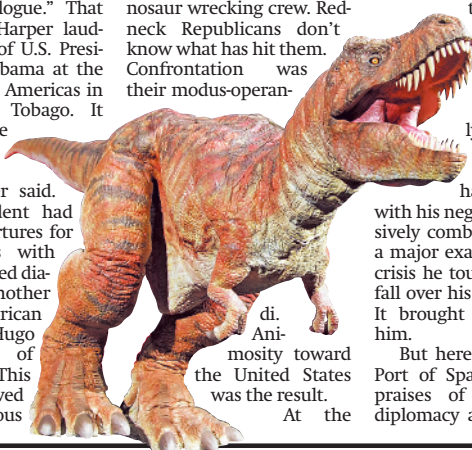
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"We saw the replacement of confrontation with dialogue." That was Stephen Harper lauding the work of U.S. President Barack Obama at the Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago. It marked the opening of "a new era," the prime minister said.

The president had just made overtures for new relations with Cuba and opened dialogue with another vaunted American enemy, Hugo Chavez of Venezuela. This summit followed Obama's previous

extension of an olive branch to axis of evil member Iran. Along the way, just for good measure, the president threw in a plan to rid the world of nuclear weapons.

What is transpiring is startling. Compared to the dark ages of George W. Bush and Dick Cheney, a starker contrast could hardly be possible. President Obama is a one-man dinosaur wrecking crew. Red-neck Republicans don't know what has hit them. Confrontation was their modus-operandi.



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the United States  
was the result.

At the

summit Obama noted how he was criticized for wanting to talk to enemies because it would be seen "as a sign of weakness."

But, as he said, the American people didn't buy this line of thinking. "And there's a good reason why they didn't buy it — because it doesn't make sense."

His new era of enlightenment is all the more important because there are signs that others could become a part of it.

It has frequently been noted how our own prime minister has hurt himself with his negative and excessively combative approach, a major example being the crisis he touched off in the fall over his budget update. It brought down hell on him.

But here was Harper in Port of Spain singing the praises of dialogue and diplomacy and singing yet

again the praises of a liberal president. He was suddenly welcoming the opening to Cuba, which is surprising for a Conservative of his ilk and took no issue with the warmth shown to Chavez.

Harper has a long way to go before he can talk of himself as a champion of diplomacy. On Russia and the Middle East he has taken a confrontational approach. On China he is only now awakening to the importance of building relations. On Guantanamo he has been silent, on nuclear proliferation, the same.

But you get the sense the new president may be having a significant impact on Harper, softening the rough edges, broadening his mind.

On the weekend the prime minister was wise to salute the new Obama approach. Best to leave behind any Jurassic Park ties and get on board the big new train.

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## Views

### Feds need to follow U.S. in cap-and-trade

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U.S. President Barack Obama's proposed 2010 budget makes it clear he intends to achieve significant progress on climate change and clean energy, despite the formidable economic crisis.

The president had signalled his seriousness throughout his campaign and then with his cabinet appointments. His budget now includes a wide range of concrete steps toward reducing dependence on oil; makes huge investments in clean technology, renewable energy and energy effi-

ciency; increases the budget of the Environmental Protection Agency by 35 per cent; and generally aims at switching the transportation system to electric vehicles while increasing fuel economy standards in gas-powered vehicles.

Predictably opposition in Congress is gearing up for battle, hysterically projecting enormous increases in gas prices at the pump and retail electricity rates, and calling the cap-and-trade proposal to reduce CO2 emissions, "a tax on everything." Sound familiar?

Whatever the outcome, Obama's bold national leadership on climate change, and his determination to proceed, is unambiguous and genuine. And he will use his exceptional ability to connect with Americans over the heads of his opposition.



Contrast Harper's approach to climate change and clean energy — the antithesis of bold national leadership, transparency, and constructive debate bringing Canadians together.

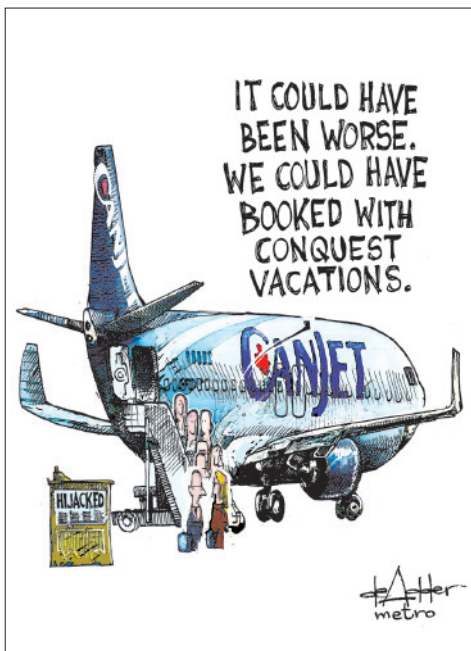
While Obama champions an effective national cap-and-trade system that sets hard caps on carbon emissions, Harper silenced any intelligent discussion during the last election and produced an anemic plan for intensity targets applicable only to large industrial emitters that is justly ridiculed for allowing emissions to rise with production levels. His recent budget lacked any serious environmental focus, notably with respect

to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

The federal government is so missing in action Ontario and Quebec have now joined Manitoba and British Columbia to extend caps on CO2 emissions beyond large industrial emitters as part of the California-led Western Climate Initiative. Regional tensions, real or imagined, simmer and rise to fill the void left by the absence of national leadership.

Bold national leadership, transparency and constructive debate seem to be too much to hope for in Canada. No wonder so many Canadians look enviously at the U.S. and are cheering Obama on.

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## Worth mentioning

### Cartel tells members to live a clean life

**MEXICO CITY** A cartel engaged in Mexico's deadly drug wars has told its members to avoid heavy drinking and using narcotics and live a clean family life as it tries to build a well-run criminal organization, police say.

Rafael Cedeno, a leader of "The Family" cartel based in Michoacan, told police after he was arrested recently he had trained several thousand cartel members with courses in ethics and personal improvement.

"The indoctrination of this group consisted of courses they considered to be for personal improvement, values, ethical and moral principles of the criminal gang. The objective was for the subordinates to avoid drugs, hard drinking and maintain family unity," the federal police said in a statement.

Cedeno, 47, was picked up at a family baptism with 43 others after a raid by police in helicopters. Accusations against him include ordering

the murder of rivals and running prostitution rings of young girls.

About 6,300 people died in the bitter war between Mexico's drug cartels last year. The conflict has spilled over the border into the United States, worrying U.S. President Barack Obama.

The training courses show the level of organization of Mexico's cartels, well-armed groups which often control territory and take on federal police and the army.

The point of training was "to have better motivational and emotional control over the members," the statement said. "The Family" has previously portrayed itself as a local organization protecting Michoacan residents from outside drug smugglers.

On a visit to Mexico last week Obama voiced strong support for President Felipe Calderon, who sent tens of thousands of troops and police to fight the cartels in 2006.

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The United Steelworkers union filed a petition yesterday asking President Barack Obama to restrict tire imports from China that they said were destroying the U.S. tire industry. **REUTERS**

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## TSX falls on oil, bank fears

3.3% drop comes after 6 straight weeks of gains for index

**Toronto's main stock index tumbled more than three per cent yesterday as investors fled the market amid a sharp drop in the price of oil and new concerns over the vitality of U.S. banks.**

Nine of the TSX's 10 sectors fell, including the heavily weighted energy and financials groups, which dropped 6.5 per cent and 5.1 per cent, respectively.

The resource-rich materials group was the sole winner, adding 2.7 per cent on the day as investors sought out gold, which is considered a defensive investment.

The S&P/TSX composite

index fell 311.50 points, or 3.3 per cent, to close at 9,126.15.

Bruce Latimer, a trader at Dundee Securities, said it should be remembered that the day's drop, albeit sharp, comes after six straight weeks of gains for the Toronto benchmark index.

"Most people I talk to are still in a fairly positive frame of mind," he said.

However, new concerns began to swirl around the health of U.S. banks yesterday after Bank of America Corp. reported a surge in troubled loans, which overshadowed its better-than-expected earnings.

Bank of America shares

plunged, taking with them much of the financial services sector both in Canada and the United States.

Energy issues also retreated, driven lower by a

drop in the price of oil. EnCana gave up 5.1 per cent to \$52.58 Cdn and Suncor Energy dropped 7.7 per cent to \$28.90.

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## Coffee battle brewing

**COMPETITION** If you haven't tried McDonald's coffee in recent years, the company is hoping you'll give it another shot.

In a bold move that promises to heat up the morning coffee wars, McDonald's is offering customers a free morning coffee every day for the next two weeks.

That's a savings of about \$1.22 per cup, including tax, on a 10-ounce cup.

With Canadians drinking 36 million fewer cups of coffee in the last 12 months, the battle for a larger share of a declining coffee market is heating up.

"Our coffee sales are up so far this year," said John Betts, president of McDonald's Restaurants of Canada. "We sold four million more cups of coffee in the first quarter."

That represents a double-digit increase over the previous year, a spokesperson said later, a consider-

### Crazy for coffee

• For Canadians, coffee is the most popular restaurant menu item, accounting for 30 per cent of all sales, according to the market research firm NPD Group Canada Inc.

able gain at someone's expense as the overall market declined.

The promotion is clearly aimed at turning up the heat on market share leader Tim Hortons Inc., Perry Caicco, a financial analyst with CIBC World Markets, wrote in a note to clients.

Given that 60 per cent of Tim Hortons' sales are in the morning, and more than 50 per cent of those sales are coffee, the McDonald's giveaway could hurt its performance this quarter, Caicco cautioned investors.

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## Oil tumbles on economic outlook, dollar

**CRUDE** Oil slid over eight per cent to \$45.88 a barrel yesterday, depressed by a rising U.S. dollar and growing caution about the pace of any economic recovery and its impact on oil demand.

The May U.S. crude contract expires today, which traders also cited as a factor helping to pressure the market.

The International Monetary Fund will cut global economic forecasts in the coming week, the agency's head said yesterday, adding that he expected a recovery to start in the first half of 2010. **REUTERS**

## Music Editing on the go



Pilotfish, which makes advanced concept phones, pictured above, yesterday unveiled plans to make an advanced music phone, hoping to tap untested demand for music editing on the go. Pilotfish said its concept will enable recording of three sound tracks and allow editing of music by twisting and bending the phone.

**REUTERS/HANDOUT**

## GM to cut 1,600 U.S. jobs

**AUTO** General Motors Corp. is cutting about 1,600 salaried jobs in the United States this week as it rushes to meet a June 1 deadline to restructure under U.S. government oversight, the automaker said yesterday.

The reductions are part of GM's plan to slash its global salaried workforce by about 10,000, or 14 per cent, in a bid to cut costs.

GM is also aiming to cut 37,000 hourly jobs around the world by the end of the

year.

GM, which has been surviving on \$13.4 billion US of government loans since the beginning of the year, has until June 1 to prepare deep cuts in debt, labour costs, dealership network and brands to prove that it can return to profitability.

The Obama administration has said the alternative would be bankruptcy.

The 1,600 employees will be separated effective May 1, GM said.

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**TECH** Oracle Corp. plans to enter the computer hardware market by buying Sun Microsystems Inc. for more than \$7 billion US, swooping in after Sun's talks with IBM fell apart. The deal would make Oracle the world's fourth-largest maker of servers. It is already the world's No. 2 maker of business software.

**MADOFF** A U.S. judge blocked the transfer of the personal wealth of swindler Bernard Madoff and his wife because it could be subject to forfeiture as various parties compete to lock down the assets for distribution to defrauded investors.

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## Your Money

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# Here's the ticket to save

In private lots, you might get leeway with parking tickets

## Smart Cookies



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Parking tickets are a huge source of revenue for cities and private companies — not to mention a huge source of frustration for you and your bank account.

While you're required by law to pay tickets from the city, we wanted to find out if the same rules applied if you received a ticket while parking in a private lot. Here's what we discovered.

When you enter a lot, there will be posted terms and conditions. These terms and conditions will usually state that by driving into the parking lot, you agree to these provisions.



Parking tickets are a huge frustration for your bank account.

Essentially a contract is formed between you and the parking lot company. If you choose not to pay the ticket, you should be aware of the repercussions, such as the company suing you for breach of contract or passing your debt on to a collections agency.

If you dispute the ticket,

because you don't agree with certain terms and conditions that were posted in the parking lot, then theoretically a collections agency is not allowed to report your unpaid debt to credit agencies. That's a good thing, because it means your credit score will not be affected while

**"Another possible legal argument is that because the fine on the ticket is so disproportionate to the lot's hourly charge, the contract should not be enforced."**

you are trying to sort the matter out.

But keep in mind, there are some cities in which collections agencies are not restricted in the same rules, and may in fact pass on your unpaid debt to a credit agency. Once this happens, it can be difficult to have your record wiped clean, so it's worth checking this out in advance.

There is always the possibility that you may be able to negotiate a ticket. An argument that you can make

is that the terms and conditions weren't clearly posted when you were parking, so you actually didn't know what you were yourself getting into. Another possible legal argument is that because the fine on the ticket is so disproportionate to the lot's hourly charge, the contract should not be enforced.

We would encourage you to at least contact the parking lot company and put them on notice that you're disputing the ticket and attempt to negotiate something.

You never know whether or not you're going to be successful but it's worth a try. Private lots can be individually owned so the amount of wiggle room you have will depend on the company. When dealing with customer service, be polite but persistent.

Just a few weeks ago, one of the Smart Cookies attempted to have a parking ticket reduced. At first, the private lot parking

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**Q** My husband will be receiving a severance package. How much is he allowed to transfer to his registered retirement savings plan (RRSP), and do we have to report it? —Mary

**A** Severance payments received upon retirement due to loss of office or employment is reported as a retirement allowance the year received. Your husband should check with his hu-

man resources department for the possibility of splitting the amounts over several years, to avoid overinflating income, which may result in higher taxes. Taxpayers who received payments and began employment before 1996 may be eligible to deduct an amount from income, if

transferred into a pension or RRSP. This rollover is above the normal annual RRSP contribute limit.

The maximum deduction (transfer) is the lesser of:

- The amount received, and;
- \$3,500 times the number of years prior to 1989, plus \$2,000 each year from

1989 to 1995.

He should work with human resources because they would have his employment history and should be able to calculate the eligible amount that can be transferred.

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**Canada kicks off tourney today**

Canada's men's under-17 soccer team hopes to qualify for a world championship this week. The young Canadians play Honduras today in the opening match of the CONCACAF Men's U-17 Championship. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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# Sports



## Safina takes over No. 1

Russia's Dinara Safina officially took over the top spot on the WTA Tour yesterday, making her and older sibling Marat Safin the only brother-sister duo to have been No. 1 in professional tennis. Safina replaced Serena Williams at the top, even though the American beat her in the Australian Open final this year.

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**Tonight**



**5:00 p.m.**  
**CBC/TEAM 1040**

A series sweep is on the horizon as the Canucks get their first crack at knocking a team out of the post-season. The Blues have scored a meager three goals through the first three games, which is thanks in large part to the exceptional play of Canucks' captain Roberto Luongo.

**IN OR OUT:** Vancouver's Mats Sundin is likely a spectator for the second straight game with a lower body injury. However, the Blues may have North Van native and offensive catalyst Paul Kariya in the lineup. Kariya has been on the shelf since November with hip and shoulder injuries that required surgery.

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## Signings bolster Lions defence

**CFL** The Lions announced the signings of defensive back Mike McEachern, linebacker Marcus Richardson yesterday. Calgary native McEachern was named a Missouri Valley Football Conference Second team all-star last season, racking up 60 tackles and two sacks. Richardson signed with the team following a free agent workout. He was signed by the Houston Texans of the NFL last season as an undrafted free agent. The Lions also announced that wide receiver Clarence Coleman has been released.

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# Flames ignite at home

## STANLEY CUP 2009 Playoffs

**David Moss scored twice and Miikka Kiprusoff made 36 saves, as the Calgary Flames defeated the Chicago Blackhawks 4-2 in Game 3 of their Western Conference quarter-final series last night at the Pengrowth Saddledome in Calgary.**

Eric Nystrom and Rene Bourque also tallied for the fifth-seeded Flames, who avoided falling into a three games to none hole in this best-of-seven series.

Patrick Sharp and Martin Havlat both registered a goal and an assist for the fourth-seeded Blackhawks, while Nikolai Khabibulin stopped 24 of the 28 shots he faced in defeat.

Game 4 is scheduled for Wednesday in Calgary.

## Bruins 4 Canadiens 2

Michael Ryder continues to haunt his former club, netting the game-winner late in the second period, as the Boston Bruins grabbed a stranglehold of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series with a 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens last night. Phil Kessel, Shawn Thornton and Chuck Kobasew also scored for the top-seeded Bruins, who have won the first three games of this best-of-seven series and will look to complete the sweep tomorrow night in Montreal. Tim Thomas earned the victory with a 23-save effort for Boston, which has not topped Montreal in a playoff series since 1994 and last swept the Habs in a four-game triumph in 1992.



Michael Cammalleri of the Flames jumps to avoid the puck in front of Nikolai Khabibulin last night.

Carey Price, back between the pipes after getting pulled in Saturday's 5-1 setback, made 26 stops in defeat.

## Capitals 4 N.Y. Rangers 0

Alexander Semin tallied twice and Simeon Varlamov posted his first career shutout in his second career playoff start, as the Washington Capitals downed the New York Rangers 4-0 in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference quarter-final series at Madison Square Garden. Brooks Laich and Tom Poti contributed power-play goals for the Capitals, who rebounded after dropping the first two games of the series at home.

Nicklas Backstrom added three assists and Alex Ovechkin posted a pair of helpers for Washington. Henrik Lundqvist allowed four goals on 40 shots for the Rangers, who have dropped two of their last three home games beyond the regular season.

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## Kane out

Chicago Blackhawks right wing Patrick Kane missed Game 3 of the club's Western Conference quarter-final series against Calgary last night because of the flu.

The reigning Calder Trophy recipient as the league's top rookie, Kane registered 25 goals and 45 assists in 80 games for the Blackhawks during the regular season.

## SCOREBOARD

### NHL

#### STANLEY CUP PLAYOFFS YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Calgary 4 Chicago 2  
Boston 4 Montreal 2  
Washington 4 N.Y. Rangers 0

#### TONIGHT'S GAMES

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Detroit at Columbus  
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San Jose at Anaheim

### NBA

#### PLAYOFFS YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 118 Chicago 115  
San Antonio 105 Dallas 84

#### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Detroit at Cleveland  
Houston at Portland  
Utah at L.A. Lakers

### MLB

#### YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 12 Baltimore 1  
Pittsburgh 8 Florida 0  
Cincinnati 4 Houston 3  
Atlanta at Washington  
Colorado at Arizona

#### TONIGHT'S GAMES

Texas at Toronto  
Kansas City at Cleveland  
Oakland at N.Y. Yankees  
Chicago White Sox at Baltimore  
Minnesota at Boston  
Detroit at L.A. Angels  
Tampa Bay at Seattle  
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# Learning Curve

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## UBC tackles international issues

**MINÉ SALKIN**  
for Metro Canada

The University of British Columbia has received a \$1-million donation to launch a groundbreaking international reporting class, making the graduate school of journalism one of the most innovative in the country.

The course takes 10 students in three groups to three different countries to report on an international issue. Its goal is to "throw students into the fire," and it hopes to produce a new generation of responsible journalists.

The donation was made by Alison Lawton, an entrepreneur and human activist who lives in West Vancouver.

"From a budget standpoint, international reporting always gets cut. But these stories provide society with the most pressing issues of our times," Lawton said.

Lawton connected with Peter Klein, an Emmy-



Blake Sifton, centre, spent 12 days in Ghana reporting on an e-waste site. The University of British Columbia's school of journalism sent three students to the Agbogbloshie dump in February to report on underrepresented issues in the media.

award winning producer for 60 Minutes, who teaches at the school.

"We both thought it was really important to engage young journalists internationally," Lawton said.

Blake Sifton from the class of 2009 went to Ghana, West Africa, to report on an e-waste site with the first international reporting class.

Sifton has a history of re-

porting in conflict zones, including riots in the West Bank and demonstrations in Montreal.

In Ghana, Sifton quickly realized the responsibility of working with vulnerable

populations.

"In a conflict environment, you need to make sure that the people who help you won't be in danger because of your story," he said.

Director Mary Lynn Young says that the course is an opportunity to practise "real journalism" on the ground with the support of a mentor and a group.

"A lot of students report internationally with NGOs, which is often unsafe, and without training," she said.

Sifton, who has been arrested, clubbed and tear-gassed, described his report in Ghana his safest trip yet.

"There was never a single threatening moment," he said. "And we made sure to tell a story that hadn't been told by mainstream media."

Lawton's donation will send 10 students for the next 10 years to various countries to report on underrepresented issues.

"This course is a golden opportunity to see this with fresh eyes, from the vantage point of a younger generation," Lawton said.

The class of 2009's final documentary on e-waste will be broadcast on the PBS program Frontline.

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## SFU names honorary degree recipients

**SAM SMITH**  
for Metro Canada

Simon Fraser University, which has handed out honorary degrees to such Canadian legends as Rick Hansen, Lt. Gen. Romeo Dallaire and David Suzuki, has narrowed down its 2009 candidate list to 10 recipients.

Those recognized have been chosen for their accomplishments and contributions across all fields of work, including conservation, human rights, writing and medical science.

Among those chosen is teacher, writer and river conservationist Mark Angelo. In his career, he has founded and spent the last 30 years chairing B.C. Rivers Day as well as

### More candidates

- Other recipients include Robin Blaser, Stewart Blusson, Victor Gornell, Djavad Mowafaghian and John Willinsky.



Simon Fraser University's honorary degree recipients, from left: Sacred cabinet minister Rafe Mair, former Canadian Supreme Court justice Louise Arbour and conservationist Mark Angelo.



World Rivers Day. He has written more than 250 articles and editorials on preserving Canada's waterways. His work has earned him an Order of British Columbia and an Order of Canada.

Internationally recognized jurist Louise Arbour was the chief prosecutor for the 1990s tribunals on the Rwandan genocide and the human-rights abuses in Yugoslavia. Formerly a Canadian Supreme Court justice and United Nations human rights high commissioner, Arbour is being recognized for her extensive contributions in these fields.

Former lawyer and Sacred cabinet minister Rafe Mair will also be receiving an honorary degree. Now a writer, outspoken broadcast personality and political commentator, his popularity has seen a steadfast growth in the past few years. Although he has deep political roots, his editorials often focus on sports and his personal life.

James McEwen, biomedical engineer and former adjunct professor at SFU's School of Engineering Science, is being recognized for his work in the medical field. McEwen is the inventor of a revolution-

ary microprocessor-controlled automatic tourniquet system, which is used for more than 15,000 surgical procedures every day in nearly every major hospital in the world.

Richard Henriquez is a renowned Vancouver architect. Notably, he is the creative mind behind the new Woodward's redevelopment in the Downtown Eastside. The building will be the future home to SFU's School for Contemporary Arts. His firm is known as a leader in North American social housing design.

The ceremonies will be held June 3-5.



**Learning Curve** is a monthly feature that focuses on education and student life.



Practising a language in social settings is a great way to learn.

## 'No shortcuts' when learning language

**DANIEL HOLLOWAY**  
Metro World News



The good news: You've just found the job of your dreams. The bad news: There's a line at the bot-

tom of the employment ad that says, "Candidates with some knowledge of Italian will be given special consideration."

You, unfortunately, have no knowledge of Italian, but you really want that

special consideration — and that job! No worries. You can just go to the bookstore, pick up an Italian phrasebook, memorize a few lines and wow them in the interview, right? Eh, not exactly.

"There are no shortcuts," says Dr. Migdalia Romero, a retired professor of linguistics from Hunter College in New York. "One does not impress a potential boss by speaking a few words in a foreign language or constructing a few sentences that were learned in a crash course."

Bummer. So how do you impress an employer when knowledge of a foreign language can give you a leg up — and potentially be the difference between landing your dream job and watching it go to someone else? Fortunately, Romero says there is hope.

"For people who have a basis in the language but lack fluency, there are strategies that help," she says. "Listening to the language as much as possible is one of these."

That means watching TV and listening to the radio in the language you're looking to improve in — and repeating aloud what is heard.

Romero also suggests practising the language in social situations where the pressure isn't on. For instance, if you visit Madrid while trying to learn Spanish, strike up a conversation with every waiter and cab driver you encounter. Even if you embarrass yourself, you can make up for it with a hefty tip. And for the exceptionally desperate there's one more option.

"Taking a course that focuses on the special language for specific professions can help," Romero says.

So when all else fails, get yourself to the classroom.

## Financing your studies

**ELISABETH BRAW**  
Metro World News



Thursday Bram, an American at an Irish university, didn't want to live on loans. Her parents couldn't finance her, either. So Bram became a freelance writer.

Thanks to the Internet, freelancing has become a popular way of financing studies abroad.

"The number of students taking on work that can be done online is incredible," says Bram, now 24. "Whether such an approach follows the letter of the law depends on the host country, but it remains a practical option."

She documents this trend in her book *Working Your Way Around the World*, to be released this fall.

With a bit of creativity, you can study abroad very cheaply. "Universities charge a huge amount for study abroad programs," says Maya Frost, author of *The New Global Student: Skip the SAT, Save Thousands on Tuition and Get a Truly International Education*. "But students are starting to get smart. Many now enroll at foreign universities independently, which saves them thousands of dollars."

Finding your own housing is a big cost-saver. Students can find their own accommodations through Facebook or websites like Couchsurfing.com, Globalfreeloaders.com, and Transitionsabroad.com.

"Personal fundraising is also becoming an important factor," says Andrew Gordon, president of Diversity Abroad. "Be creative and reach out to your family, friends, local business and civic organizations abroad."

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- **Puppet-Making**, University of Staffordshire, U.K.
- **Retail Management Foundation Degree in Bed-selling**, Buckinghamshire New University, U.K.
- **Agricultural Marketing**, Newcastle and Harper Adams University, U.K.
- **World Agriculture**, Bangor University, U.K.
- **Foundation Degree in Retailing** (Tesco partnership), Manchester Metropolitan University, U.K.
- **Surf Science**, Plymouth University, U.K.
- **Foundation Degree in Funeral Service**, University of Bath, U.K.
- **Masters in Death & Society**, University of Bath, U.K.

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### Helpful links if you're planning on working abroad

Working and living abroad requires a lot of research and preparation. These websites are great starting points for people interesting in taking their skills overseas.

- **SWAP Working Holidays** ([swap.ca](http://swap.ca)): Offers more infor-

mation about the program and gives great tips on topics from paperwork to packing.

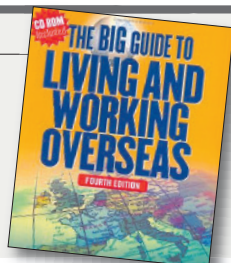
- **Working Overseas** ([workingoverseas.com](http://workingoverseas.com)): Search more information about Jean-Marc Hachey's book *The BIG Guide to Living and Working Overseas*, right,

and get subscription details for the book's online version.

- **Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada** ([international.gc.ca](http://international.gc.ca)): Check out this site's section on travelling and working abroad for both essential facts and destination options.

- **The Go Abroad Fair** ([goabroadfair.ca](http://goabroadfair.ca)): Find out when the fair is coming to a Canadian destination, sign up for their e-newsletter and gather information on previous exhibitors.

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# On a mission to Mars

MINÉ SALKIN  
for Metro Canada



**A massive crater on an uninhabited island in the Arctic is a site worthy of a science-fiction movie.**

With a vegetable greenhouse and an Internet network, it is a futuristic vision for how humans could survive an expedition on Mars within this generation.

The Houghton-Mars Project (HMP) has already begun to explore this possibility by leading experiments on Devon Island, Nunavut.

Researchers from Simon Fraser University, NASA



The polar-desert climate, remoteness and geological features of Canada's Arctic, pictured above, make it the ideal place as a terrestrial testing ground for missions to Mars, right.

and the Canadian Space Agency have partnered up to see how biological systems could flourish on the red planet.

Dr. Stephen Braham, a quantum cosmologist, is a co-investigator exploration communications for HMP. He is designing the data for a computer program that controls the experiments from his chair at SFU.

"We've got two vehicles nearly there, and we're going to test out NASA technology in the Arctic," he said. "We'll have nearly 100 kilometres of empty, Mars-like terrain to test our moon rovers."

Steven Baird, 21, is a third-year student at the University of B.C.'s Mechanical Engineering pro-

gram. He camped with Braham last summer at the project's site.

Its polar-desert climate, remoteness and geological features make it the ideal place as a terrestrial testing ground for missions to Mars.

Much like a space expedition, Baird described the northern setting as "isolated and confined."

"The HMP offers insight into the possible evolution of Mars' landscape, as well as the possibilities and limits for life in extreme climates," he said.

For now, HMP is making



its way across the Northwest Passage in the first vehicle-expedition in the area, which is entirely made of ice.

Baird said that the team plans to stay there up for four weeks running experiments.

"You can only test your ideas so far in the lab. Having an on-Earth testing ground for humans is in-

credibly valuable," he said.

Braham has camped with the team running experiments on site for the past 11 seasons. A report from the CPA said that lettuce and other vegetables have been growing there since 2002.

A friend of technology, Braham makes daily updates about HMP on Twitter at [twitter.com/warp](http://twitter.com/warp).



From left: Kira Lorber, Pascal Lee, Jesse Weaver, John Schutt and Stephen Braham stand in front of the Mars-1 Humvee Rover, a modified ambulance that will traverse the Northwest Passage.

## WHY CMA?



**Michael Lincoln, MBA, CMA**  
Chief Financial Officer, MedGenesis Therapeutics

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## Education abroad

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Metro World News



Thinking about earning a degree abroad? Read on as Metro compares the number of years it takes to earn the same degree in the following eight countries: France, China, Portugal, Italy, Russia, Brazil, Canada and Sweden.

### France

- Business degree: 5 years
- Law degree: 4 years
- Language degree: 3 years
- Art history degree: 3 years
- Biology degree: 3 years

### China

- Business degree: 3 years
- Law degree: 4 years
- Language degree: 4 years
- Art history degree: 4 years
- Biology degree: 5 years



In France, earning a business degree will take five years.

### Portugal

- Business degree: 3 years
- Law degree: 4 years
- Language degree: 3 years

- Art history degree: 3 years
- Biology degree: 3 years

### Italy

- Business degree: 4 years
- Law degree: 3 years
- Language degree: 3 years
- Art history degree: 4 years
- Biology degree: 6 years

### Russia

- Business degree: 4 years
- Law degree: 4 years
- Language degree: 4 years
- Art history degree: 4 years
- Biology degree: 4 years

### Brazil

- Business degree: Between 4 and 6 years
- Law degree: 5 years
- Language degree: 4 years
- Art history degree: 4 years
- Biology degree: 6 years

### Canada

- Business degree: 4 years
- Law degree: 4 years
- Language degree: 2 years
- Art history degree: 4 years
- Biology degree: 3 years

### Sweden

- Business degree: 3 years
- Law degree: 4, 5 years
- Language degree: 3 years
- Art history degree: 3 years
- Biology degree: 3 years



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Studying abroad can be a highly rewarding experience for all involved, experts say.

## Overseas adventure offers life lesson

**RAFAEL BRUSILOV**  
for Metro Canada



**Studying abroad might seem like a daunting goal, but the rewards you gain and the lives you touch can stay with you for a lifetime.**

While you do have to wade through some paperwork and plan ahead financially, studying and doing work placements abroad can be a great way to combine adventure, personal growth and life-changing experiences.

Sabrina Lucifero, international student affairs co-ordinator for the John Molson School of Business at Concordia University in Montreal, says studying abroad can be a highly rewarding experience for students because the life experience they gain can be a huge advantage in

both their personal life and the boardroom.

"Students come back with a variety of experiences both academic and business related and they're able to grow on a personal level as well," Lucifero says.

With more employers looking for candidates that have broader life experiences under their belt and can show greater professional and personal maturity, Lucifero says more universities like Concordia are encouraging students to consider heading abroad.

Of course not all learning happens exclusively in the classroom. For students interested in letting their studies have a direct, positive impact on the lives of the people they meet, co-op programs exist, which let you gain

valuable field placement experience while helping people in need.

Lynn Caruso is co-ordinator at Seneca College in Toronto for the Students Crossing Borders program, which takes volunteers to communities in Jamaica during the summer to help build and maintain communities in some of Jamaica's most impoverished areas.

Caruso also co-ordinates an early childhood education program and says helping communities in need abroad can be an excellent way to expand your horizons while giving of yourself to help others.

"It's a really great way to get exposed to what's going on in the world — it's about stepping outside of your comfort zone and finding out what it's like

to help people in need," Caruso said.

If you do plan on studying abroad, Lucifero says you should keep a few things in mind:

- Start getting documents together well in advance (Lucifero recommends at least four months).
- Keep your grades up — most study abroad programs and partner schools require a GPA in the vicinity of 3.0 to be accepted.
- Research your chosen destination country and its schools to find a program that matches your needs.
- Start financial planning early.
- Make sure the credits you gain at the foreign school will transfer to your home school.
- Get testimonials from students who have already gone through your program.

## Strong turnout expected at VCC's career fair in May

**ANDREA WOO**  
for Metro Canada



With the province's unemployment rate hovering at 7.4 per cent and expected to rise, it's no surprise that organizers of an upcoming career fair are predicting a strong turnout.

Nancy Nesbitt, associate director of alumni relations for Vancouver Community College, which will be hosting the open fair on May 20 at its Broadway campus, said she anticipates a mix of people at various stages of their careers.

"I think it will also maybe engage more people who have questions about retraining," she said. "Maybe some people will be at crossroads and that might encourage more alumni to come back."

It is estimated there will be between 35 and 40 employers from fields including health sciences, hospitality, transportation trades and design. Some confirmed employers so far include Vancouver Coastal Health, Certified General

Accountants Association of B.C. and Sun Life Financial.

The event is open to the public, and attendance has grown each year since it began six years ago, according to Barb Ash, dean of student services.

Project co-ordinator Michael Yu said VCC will, for the first time, partner with Immigrant Services Society of B.C. (ISS of B.C.), one of the largest immigrant-serving agencies in Western Canada.

"A lot of the ESL students studying at VCC are at this stage upgrading their English, but they're also making decisions on their future careers," he said.

"(ISS of B.C.) is also working with our colleagues in counselling to do some preparation work with our immigrant students so they will be more ready when it comes to presenting themselves professionally in front of employers."

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"The number of jobs requiring international experience has risen exponentially each year for the last 10 years," he says. "Everyone needs global career skills. Eventually, almost every job will have an international component to it."

On top of that, Hachey says another personal payoff from travelling abroad comes from experiencing a new environment.

"It's addictive to meet

people from other cultures and social groups," says Hachey. "Your life will change forever with the insights you learn travelling and working abroad."

Former animator Chris Hudson got the travel itch after falling in love with Japanese culture.

"I was feeling my life was a little stagnant. Like I wasn't doing what I was supposed to be doing," says Hudson.

After a three-week vacation in Japan, he decided to return to the country as an English teacher on a one-year work visa.

Hudson, who is now back home in Canada, had such a great time that he plans on returning overseas at the end of the month. But he emphasizes travellers must prepare themselves for possible setbacks.

"Right off the bat, one of the first things I realized when I arrived was that everything I set up didn't quite turn out the way I expected," he says.

But, with careful planning and a secure job offer, Hudson says working abroad can be a positive experience that can change your view of the world.

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## Feminist porn?

### The J Spot



Despite the fact that The Feminist Porn Awards are about to celebrate their fourth year this year, feminism and pornography still aren't exactly obvious bed partners.

The relationship may no longer be quite as hostile as it was back in 1980 when feminist author Robin Morgan famously quoted that: "Pornography is the theory and rape is the practice."

But many women still view porn as degrading to women and simply an indulgence of unrealistic male fantasies. As a result, many women have a less than warm, fuzzy feeling about the stuff.

Granted, plenty of it is, well, less than female friendly. But, the fact is, pornography has changed a lot in recent years with one of the fastest growing market being porn aimed at couples.

An increasing number of women directors have entered the fray and brought a female perspective to what has traditionally been a male-dominated industry.

Good For Her, the Toronto, Ont.-based women-friendly sex shop (goodforher.com) started The Feminist Porn Awards — known as The Emmas, named after Canadian pro-sex feminist pioneer Emma Goldman — to celebrate this.

Josey Vogels is a sex and relationship columnist and author of five books on the subjects. For more info, visit [joseyvogels.com](http://joseyvogels.com).

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# Steps to a greener sex life

Eco-friendly tips to make love good for you and the planet, too

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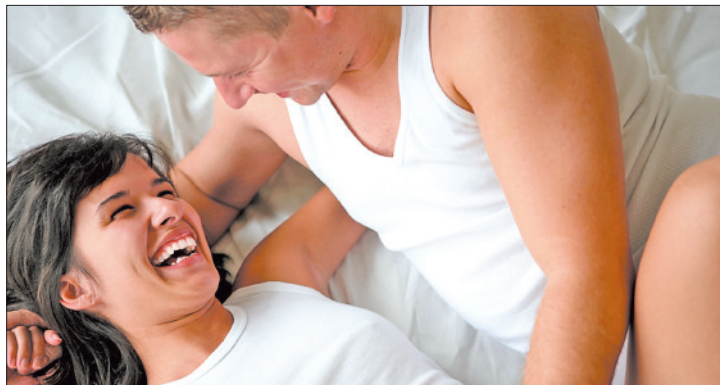
Here are six ways to make your sex life a little more eco-friendly.

### 1. Go green together

When an opportunity to try something new as a couple arises, whether it's choosing a massage oil or a new toy, go "au naturel." Greening your intimate life can strengthen your relationship by giving you a fun, healthy focus in the bedroom. Simply discussing greener possibilities can spark up your love life.

### 2. Massage with natural oils

Numerous shops offer natural, organic massage oils and lotions. One, Naked Soapworks on Bowen Island, B.C., makes bath and body products without artificial colours, stabilizers or preservatives. "Our Kama massage oil is scented with a blend of reputed aphrodisiacs, including rose, jasmine and ylang ylang," says Naked creator Laurel Bailey, who adds that the same blend is also available to be used in room sprays, diffusers or the bathtub.



Opt for an eco-friendly approach to sex by using organic massage oils and bamboo bedding.

### 3. Bask in the light of beeswax, soy or vegetable candles

Make sure your lighting is both warm and clean. "The soot from paraffin candles can cause respiratory damage, scented candles are loaded with chemicals, and the wick is likely made with lead," writes Deacon in Green for Life. "Natural waxes burn longer, cleaner and more evenly than paraffin, without putting oily soot into the air."

### 4. Consider your birth control

The Pill is a popular choice, but it's not a green one. "Whether from the Pill, the patch or hormone injections, synthetic estrogen makes its way into [our waterways] and has been shown to alter the apparent gender of fish," says Gillian Deacon in Green for Life. More eco-friendly birth control methods include the IUD and latex or lambskin condoms (thrown in the

garbage afterwards, not flushed down the toilet).

### 5. Frolic on organic bamboo sheets

Bedding can be healthy as well as sensuous. The experts at TreeHugger.com, a "green solutions" website, report that bamboo bedding is softer than cotton and drapes like silk. Bamboo wicks moisture away from your skin and comes



from a renewable resource that is rapidly replenished. Other eco-friendly linens include organic cotton and hemp silk.

### 6. Explore your racy side

Greenpeace reports that some sex toys contain phthalates, which can damage reproductive organs, disrupt the body's ability to regulate hormones and harm the kidneys and liver. Phthalates are chemical softeners used in polyvinyl chloride, or PVC, to increase flexibility. So venture into the green world of PVC-free rechargeable, glass or solar vibrators.

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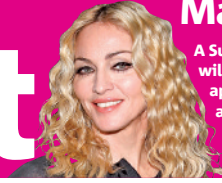
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Oprah Winfrey has pulled a show focused on the 10th anniversary of the killings at Columbine High School, telling her Twitter followers she "thought it focused too much on killers" Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold. The talk show guru didn't elaborate on the decision. **POPEATER.COM**

# Entertainment

## Madge appeals

A Supreme Court of Appeal panel will convene on May 4 to hear an appeal filed by Madonna against a Malawi High Court decision to stop her from adopting a Malawian girl. **PEOPLE.COM**



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## Police probe Slumdog complaint

**PEOPLE** Indian police in Mumbai are probing accusations that the father of a child star of the Oscar-winning film *Slumdog Millionaire* tried to sell his daughter for \$290,000 US.



Rubina Ali

The mother of nine-year-old Rubina Ali protested after a sting operation by a British tabloid alleged her father tried to sell her. Police called Rubina Ali and her father, Rafiq Qureshi, to a police station on Sunday night and recorded their statements. "On Sunday, Rubina's mother Khurshid complained to us that her ex-husband was trying to sell her daughter, saying she saw some reports on television to that effect," said Deputy Commissioner of Police Nisar Tambo.

The film, a rags-to-riches romance about a slum boy competing on a TV game show, won eight Academy Awards earlier this year but sparked controversy in parts of India. **REUTERS**

# Digital music revolution

Demise of the CD poised to have a positive impact on the environment

IAN NATHANSON  
for Metro Canada



**If you're a music fan with a sizeable collection of compact discs, adding to that library is threatening to become a thing of the past.**

At this very moment, we're knee-deep in the age of MP3 players and digital downloading. With digital album sales on a rise, somewhere in the three million range, sales of the once-mighty CD have been on a downward spiral for much of this decade. Estimates from Nielsen SoundScan show that CD sales have dropped to 428 million. The number of CDs sold in 2004, according to Rolling Stone magazine, was 667 million.

When the CD first rose to popularity in the 1980s, it boasted several advantages to its predecessor, the vinyl record. You could play it on multiple platforms — home stereo, computer, car stereo, portable CD players. More



According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the compact disc is made up of aluminum, polycarbonate plastic, lacquer, gold and petroleum-based dyes. The plastic jewel case, which houses the CD and its accompanying off-glossy booklet, is non-biodegradable.

songs could be squeezed onto a CD. A slightly scuffed disc could still be played. Plus, there was a capability of skipping from one song to another on a CD (try finding a "shuffle" feature on a turntable).

Convenience factor and mass demand aside, the CD wasn't wholly accepted by the public.

Environmentalists and green-conscious artists also frowned upon the CD and its packaging. As the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) explains, the disc itself is comprised of materials that include aluminum, polycarbonate plastic, lacquer, gold and petroleum-based dyes.

And the plastic jewel

case, which houses the CD and its accompanying off-glossy booklet, was discovered to be non-biodegradable. Eco-friendly record label Earthology points out that when these cases are no longer needed, it either "sits ... in landfills or is incinerated, which releases dioxin into the atmosphere, one of the most toxic carcinogens on the planet." The cases themselves, Earthology continues, are "made up of 85 grams of PolyVinyl Chloride (PVC). The production of these petrochemical plastics releases dangerous toxins into the atmosphere."

The music industry ultimately responded to the jewel-case uproar by pack-

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aging CDs in more environmentally friendly Digipaks, jewel case alternatives made of paperboard. It's certainly a favourite among today's Canadian indie artists.

In the U.S., major-label Universal, for instance, manufactures CDs for Jack Johnson's Brushfire Records by using recyclable plastic CD trays. The lesser-known Earthology label use jewel cases made of 100 per cent recycled/reclaimed and use nontoxic soy inks. And Indianapolis-based Plastic Recycling Inc. actually recycles used

CDs and jewel cases and ship these off to be transformed as auto parts.

The LP, limited a music medium as it is, at least is made of vinyl and housed in cardboard and paper sleeves — all recyclable. (For the, um, record, Rolling Stone reported that vinyl LP sales have surged upward — to around the 1.9 million mark.) But unless you're a hardcore audiophile, MP3 sound files benefit from the number that can be stored onto an MP3 player, a computer or what not. Plus, there isn't any known stat that an MP3 can spew harmful gases into the atmosphere. So it seems the planet is spared from any further harm.

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Francis Ford Coppola's, right, new family drama Tetro won't be headed to the Cannes Film Festival next month. Instead, Coppola plans to screen the movie's trailer at the San Francisco International Film Festival as part of a tribute evening in his honor May 1. **REUTERS**

**Coppola bypasses Cannes for latest film**

# Unlikely celebrity draws reactions

Instant singing sensation Boyle prompts many to question society's views on beauty

**A middle aged Scottish spinster with untamed hair and a plain-spoken manner has captivated millions of music lovers and confounded celebrity watchers with her rise to fame after appearing on a British TV talent show.**

Susan Boyle, at 47, became one of the world's hottest celebrities virtually overnight after her rendition of I Dreamed a Dream on Britain's Got Talent this month.

She has appeared on Larry King Live in the United States and in countless newspaper and Internet articles. The clip of her song has been viewed around 50 million times on YouTube.

But while most people see her story as a fairytale, some

say it casts an unflattering light on the public and its preconceived notions about beauty and fame.

They argue that the reason Boyle, who lives alone with her cat, became the instant star she has was because she did not look or behave like a "typical" celebrity.

"Sadly it all Boyles down to image" said Miranda

**"By raising this Susan (Boyle) up, we will forgive ourselves for grinding every other Susan into the dust."**

Tanya Gold

Carey. If you're a female singer, you are required by showbiz law to appear sexy at all times."

Tanya Gold, writing in the Guardian, asked: "Is Susan Boyle ugly? Or are we?

"By raising this Susan up, we will forgive ourselves for grinding every other Susan into the dust. It will be a very partial and poisoned redemption. Because Britain's Got Malice."

Some descriptions of Boyle underlined media prejudices about beauty and age, critics said, with Boyle referred to variously as "frumpy," "dowdy," with "several double chins."

A few celebrity watchers

have rushed to confess that they, like the Britain's Got Talent audience on the night, had expected Boyle to founder because of the way she looked.

"She pierced my defenses," said Lisa Schwarzbaum of Entertainment Weekly. "She reordered the measure of beauty. And I had no idea until tears sprang how desperately I need that corrective from time to time."

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CNN's Larry King, left, interviews singing sensation Susan Boyle.

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## Jane's Addiction's infighting heats up

**REUNION** War has broken out among the original members of Jane's Addiction, who are gearing up for their first tour in almost 18 years.

Singer Perry Farrell told Reuters that a mediation attempt by Nine Inch Nails frontman Trent Reznor, with whom Jane's Addiction will tour next month, was unsuccessful.

But despite the temper tantrums, Farrell is determined to keep Jane's Addiction together. He, guitarist Dave Navarro and drummer Steven Perkins have toured on and off over the years. Bassist Eric Avery is back in the lineup after declining to play with the band after it first broke up in 1991. His return appears to have changed the delicate chemistry.

"I'm not going to tell you it's been all smooches and hugs. But it shouldn't be because that would be a bore," Farrell said on the sidelines of the Coachella music festival, where he performed on Sunday.



Perry Farrell performed at day three of the Coachella Valley Music & Arts Festival in Indio, Calif., on Sunday.

"If my band didn't have issues, if they didn't throw tantrums, I would think I was with a bunch of suckers. As long as they can handle it, I can handle it. "I just talked to Eric man-to-man. We're different people, that's okay. He serves a different purpose, he's got a different frequency he operates on."

**REUTERS**

## Milk, Ellen honoured by GLAAD

**AWARDS** Civil rights group GLAAD honoured the movie Milk and singled-out Reverend Gene Robinson and comedian Kathy Griffin for their work at a Saturday night gala highlighting issues such as gay marriage and equality.

Talk program The Ellen DeGeneres Show was given a GLAAD Media Award for its episode Ellen & Portia's Wedding Day, covering DeGeneres' wedding to actress Portia de Rossi.

DeGeneres dedicated the honor to Carl Walker-Hoover, an 11 year-old Massachusetts boy who killed himself earlier this month

because schoolkids bullied him and called him "gay."

"In my opinion, we are not fighting for gay rights, we are fighting for equal rights," DeGeneres told the black tie crowd at Los Angeles' Nokia Theatre.

The 2009 awards marked the 20th year that

films, TV shows, performers and others have been honored by GLAAD, the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation.

Milk, about slain gay rights activist Harvey Milk, was named best film. Desperate Housewives was chosen best TV comedy, and Brothers and Sisters was named top TV drama.

GLAAD President Neil Giuliano spoke to the audience about the

impact TV shows such as The L Word and movies like Brokeback Mountain have had on introducing audiences to all sorts of lesbian and gay characters and issues they face.

Comedian Kathy Griffin accepted the Vanguard Award for her work in the gay community.

The Right Reverend V. Gene Robinson, the first openly gay Bishop in the Episcopal church, was given an honorary award for his work as a religious leader and activist. **REUTERS**



Milk, starring Sean Penn, was named the best film at the GLAAD Media Awards.

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**No bikini, no show: Anderson**

Pamela Anderson wants to host a vegan cooking show in a bikini. The former Baywatch actress would only star in another TV program if she was allowed to don skimpy swimwear and film the series on a beach. [FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK](http://FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK)



**DVD picks**

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Director: **Darren Aronofsky**

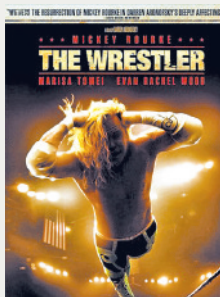
**MICKEY ROURKE'S** the Dickensian focus of Darren Aronofsky's humane, soulful and occasionally humorous portrait of life on the way down from the top.

Rourke's Randy (The Ram) Robinson once enjoyed top-bill success and income, but now he plays for chump change on the nostalgia circuit.

Randy's brutal passion has cost him his marriage, estranged him from his daughter Stephanie (Evan Rachel Wood) and taken a toll on his health. He still pumps his body full of steroids, but now he's also addicted to painkillers for a chronic back problem. His heart tells him that he's living on borrowed time.

His only comfort is a nightclub stripper named Cassidy (Marisa Tomei) whose interest in Randy may be purely professional.

The film is a triumph on many levels, not least of which is Rourke's return as an actor of reckoning. He should have won this



year's Best Actor Oscar.

Also worthy of applause is Aronofsky's return, after the indecipherable astral indulgence that was The Fountain, to the well-dread drama that Requiem for a Dream proved him capable of nearly a decade ago.

Pity the extras are so lightweight. My review copy has just the Springsteen video of the title song.

Are they saving a Rourke commentary for a deluxe edition?

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# 'Bubble' shows in peril

Future uncertain for several modestly rated dramas

With the broadcast networks' "upfront" presentations to advertisers less than a month away, it's do-or-die time for "bubble" series, those modestly rated shows walking a fine line between renewal or cancellation.

Not all shows that haven't been renewed yet are in jeopardy: For such series as CBS's *How I Met Your Mother*, which traditionally gets picked up at the last minute, and ABC's *Ugly Betty*, the orders are just a formality.

But that can't be said for a dozen or so other series anxiously awaiting their fate.

CBS has the most, includ-

ing a quartet of long-running procedurals — *Without a Trace*, *Cold Case*, *Numb3rs* and *The Unit* — along with freshman drama *Eleventh*

most or all of the production costs at this point.

The odds for *Trace* and *Case* are considered 50/50 right now, with one of the two expected to come back.

*Numb3rs* looks good to return for a sixth season, as does its Friday-night companion, *Ghost Whisperer*, which would enter its fifth cycle.

The prospects for *Eleventh Hour*, meanwhile, do not look good. The military drama *Unit* also had been considered unlikely to come

back, but in a hopeful sign, executive producer Shawn Ryan has been asked by the network to present ideas for a fifth season.

Of Fox's two bubble series, *Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles* and *Dollhouse*, sophomore *Terminator* is considered all but gone, while freshman *Dollhouse's* chances are 50/50.

Along with Fox's sci-fi duo, the most discussed bubble show online is NBC's *Chuck*, which finally showed a ratings uptick this past week but is still performing marginally despite a strong fan base.

Another NBC Monday series, the modestly rated but reliable procedural *Medium*, is said to have slightly better odds to return than *Chuck*, while the quirky cop drama *Life* is expected to join *Kath & Kim* on cancellation row.

Neither of ABC's mid-season entries have broken through, but while *Cupid* has been pretty much written off, the comedy *Better Off Ted* and the dramas *The Unusuals* and *Castle* are still in consideration.

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**Madge's fall not my fault: Photog**

**PEOPLE** The photographer blamed for startling the horse that tossed Madonna to the ground over the weekend is speaking out, saying he is not responsible for the accident. Paparazzo Thomas Hinton admits that he was the only person taking pictures of the singer's afternoon ride in the Hamptons, but he insists he left before Madonna fell. "If I had startled the horse, I would have gotten pictures," Hinton told TMZ.

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| primetime     | 251 | 308 | 9 | CBC  | NHL Hockey                                 | NHL Hockey: Western Conference Quarterfinal Game 3 - Sharks at Ducks   |                                                     |                                                     |                                                            | CBC News: The National (N)   | The Hour                                   |                          |
|               | 255 | 358 | 9 | JM   | El News (N)                                | The Insider                                                            | The Biggest Loser (N) (CC)                          |                                                     |                                                            | Dr. 90210 (N) (CC)           | News (N)                                   |                          |
|               | 254 | -   | 9 | M    | Two/Half Men                               | Two/Half Men                                                           | Omni News: Mandarin Edition                         | News: Cantonese Edition                             |                                                            | Omni News: Punjabi Edition   | Metropia                                   |                          |
|               | 250 | 321 | 9 | CTV  | talk (CC)                                  | Hollywood                                                              | American Idol (Live) (CC)                           | (01) Fringe "Bad Dreams" (N)                        |                                                            | Law & Order: SVU             | News (N)                                   |                          |
|               | -   | -   | 9 | OMNI | The Daily                                  | Frasier (CC)                                                           | Islam 101 (CC)                                      | Poltergeist: The Legacy                             |                                                            | Scrubs (CC)                  | The Search                                 | News (N)                 |
|               | 252 | 336 | 9 | GTU  | Entertainment                              | ET Canada                                                              | NCIS "Murder 2.0" (CC)                              | 90210 (N) (CC)                                      |                                                            | Cold Blood (CC)              | News (N)                                   |                          |
|               | 256 | 389 | 9 | VI   | Instant Star                               | TMZ (N) (CC)                                                           | Reaper "The Home Stretch"                           | Dancing With the Stars (CC)                         |                                                            | Without a Trace (CC)         | News (N)                                   |                          |
|               | 253 | 359 | 9 | CITY | Law & Order: SVU                           | Deal-No Deal                                                           | Reaper "The Home Stretch"                           | Rita Rocks "Friends (CC)                            |                                                            | Curb-Enthsm                  | Curb-Enthsm                                | The List                 |
|               | -   | -   | 9 | CW   | Deal-No Deal                               | Deal-No Deal                                                           | Reaper "The Home Stretch"                           | 90210 (N) (CC)                                      |                                                            | Seinfeld                     | Seinfeld                                   | Frasier (CC)             |
|               | 289 | 381 | 9 | CBS  | Entertainment                              | The Insider                                                            | Big Bang Th                                         | NCIS "Murder 2.0" (CC)                              |                                                            | The Mentalist "Paint It Red" | News (N)                                   |                          |
| news          | 287 | 379 | 9 | NBC  | Evening Mag.                               | Inside Edition                                                         | The Biggest Loser (N) (CC)                          |                                                     |                                                            | Law & Order: SVU             | News (N)                                   |                          |
|               | 602 | 568 | 9 | W    | Will & Grace                               | Friends (CC)                                                           | Remedy Me                                           | Keep Real                                           | Style by Jury                                              | Style by Jury                | Miss Naked Beauty (N)                      | Maxed Out                |
|               | 288 | 380 | 9 | ABC  | Wheel-Fortune                              | Jeopardy! (N)                                                          | Accord-Jim                                          | Accord-Jim                                          | Dancing With the Stars (CC)                                | (02) Cupid (N) (CC)          | KOMO 4 News                                |                          |
|               | -   | -   | 9 | KVOS | M*A*S*H                                    | Seinfeld                                                               | Kansas City Confidential ***                        | (1952) John Payne.                                  |                                                            | King                         | Still Standing                             | Scrubs (CC)              |
|               | 291 | 383 | 9 | PBS  | Steves Europe                              | About-Money                                                            | Nova "Car of the Future"                            | Frontline "Poisoned Waters" (N) (CC) (DVS)          |                                                            |                              | About Us                                   |                          |
|               | 290 | 382 | 9 | FOX  | Two/Half Men                               | Two/Half Men                                                           | American Idol (CC)                                  | (01) Fringe "Bad Dreams" (N)                        |                                                            | News (N) (CC)                | Family Guy                                 |                          |
|               | -   | 364 | 9 | PBS  | Frontline "Poisoned Waters" (N) (CC) (DVS) |                                                                        |                                                     | Tavis Smiley                                        | Charlie Rose (N) (CC)                                      |                              | Nova "Car of the Future"                   |                          |
|               | 296 | 654 | 9 | SBK  | Frasier (CC)                               | Frasier (CC)                                                           | Punk'd (CC)                                         | South Park                                          | Cheers (CC)                                                | Half & Half                  | Paid Program                               | Paradise Hotel           |
|               | 298 | 653 | 9 | TLA  | Two/Half Men                               | Two/Half Men                                                           | Reaper "The Home Stretch"                           | 90210 (N) (CC)                                      |                                                            | KTTL Prime News (CC)         | Friends (CC)                               |                          |
|               | 295 | 651 | 9 | WGN  | MLB Baseball: Reds at Cubs                 | WGN News                                                               | Reaper "The Home Stretch"                           | 90210 (N) (CC)                                      |                                                            | Friends (CC)                 | My Wife-Kids                               |                          |
| sports        | 297 | 652 | 9 | WPX  | PIX News at Ten                            | Tong. (N)                                                              | Two/Half Men                                        | Friends (CC)                                        | Sex and-City                                               | Accord-Jim                   | Frasier (CC)                               | Odd Couple               |
|               | 199 | 311 | 9 | STR  | News (N)                                   | News                                                                   | Late Show-Letterman                                 |                                                     | Late Show                                                  | Will & Grace                 | Seinfeld                                   |                          |
|               | 502 | 390 | 9 | NW   | CBC News: The National (N)                 |                                                                        | CBC News: The National (N)                          |                                                     | CBC News: The National                                     |                              | Planet Earth "Mountains"                   | National                 |
|               | 500 | 500 | 9 | CNN  | Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)                   |                                                                        |                                                     | Larry King Live                                     |                                                            |                              | Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)                   | Cooper 360               |
|               | 407 | 419 | 9 | RSP  | Sportsnet                                  | MLB Baseball Tampa Bay Rays at Seattle Mariners. (Subject to Blackout) |                                                     |                                                     |                                                            |                              | Sportsnet Connected (Live)                 | MMA Conn                 |
|               | 400 | 400 | 9 | TSN  | SportsCentre (Live) (CC)                   |                                                                        | In This Corner                                      | Boxing: Joel Julio vs. James Kirkland. (Taped) (CC) |                                                            |                              | SportsCentre                               |                          |
|               | 411 | 457 | 9 | OLN  | Bounty Hunter                              | Bounty Hunter                                                          | Departures "Cambodia"                               | Mantracker "Buck & RJ"                              |                                                            | Bounty Hunter                | Bounty Hunter                              | Departures               |
|               | 410 | 403 | 9 | SCR  | Score Tonight                              |                                                                        | Hardcore Hockey Talk                                | Final Score                                         | Final Score                                                | Final Score                  | Final Score                                | Final Score              |
|               | 417 | 406 | 9 | SC   | Hot Import                                 | Hot Import                                                             | Pimp My Ride                                        | Pass Time                                           | Low Life                                                   | Low Life                     | Super Bikes!                               | Hot Import               |
|               | 416 | 409 | 9 | GLF  | (6:00) Fútbol Italiano                     |                                                                        | Gol TV News                                         | Hallo Bundesliga                                    | Gol TV News                                                | Paid Program                 | Gol TV News                                | Gol TV News              |
| family        | 552 | 543 | 9 | YTV  | Adrenaline                                 | Survive This                                                           | Malcolm-Mid.                                        | Futurama                                            | Family Biz                                                 | Prank Patrol                 | Falcon Beach "Trust This"                  | Mystery Hnt.             |
|               | 555 | 545 | 9 | TEL  | Totally Spies                              | Total Drama                                                            | 6TEEN                                               | 6TEEN                                               | Futurama                                                   | American Dad                 | Chicken                                    | Moral Ore                |
|               | 557 | 541 | 9 | FAM  | Wizards-Place                              | Han. Montana                                                           | Zack & Cody                                         | Latest Buzz                                         | Wizards-Place                                              | Life Derek                   | Ned's School                               | Cory in House            |
|               | 553 | 546 | 9 | TRE  | Comfy Couch                                | Zigby                                                                  | Max & Ruby                                          | Barbar (CC)                                         | Backyard                                                   | Dora-Explorer                | Go, Diego, Go!                             | Franklin                 |
|               | 268 | 354 | 9 | KNO  | Gardens                                    | Recreat. Eden                                                          | New York: A Documentary Film                        | (N) (CC) (DVS)                                      |                                                            |                              | Desperately Seeking Doctors                | Health                   |
|               | 575 | 583 | 9 | CMT  | Hope & Faith                               | Hope & Faith                                                           | Darius Rucker                                       | Trace Adkins                                        | The Blue Collar                                            | Comedy Tour                  |                                            | Hope & Faith             |
|               | 570 | 580 | 9 | MM   | Degrassi: TNG                              | Degrassi: TNG                                                          | The Shift                                           |                                                     | CollegeHmr                                                 | Video on Trial               | MuchVibe                                   | Spotlight                |
|               | 600 | 564 | 9 | H&E  | House                                      | House                                                                  | Holmes on Homes (CC)                                |                                                     | SarahCottage                                               | Design Inc.                  | HGTV's Top                                 | Dirty Business           |
|               | 515 | 520 | 9 | A&E  | Manhunters                                 | Manhunters                                                             | Manhunters                                          | Manhunters                                          | The First 48 "Blindside"                                   |                              | The First 48 (CC)                          | Manhunters               |
|               | 628 | 584 | 9 | SPKE | Deadliest Warrior (N)                      |                                                                        | The Ultimate Fighter                                |                                                     | CSI: NY "Tanglewood" (CC)                                  |                              | Spike's Most Amazing Videos                | Disorderly               |
| cable variety | 521 | 560 | 9 | TLG  | I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant               |                                                                        | I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant                        |                                                     | I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant                               |                              | I Didn't Know I Was Pregnant               | Pregnant                 |
|               | 616 | 522 | 9 | SHO  | The Outer Limits (CC)                      |                                                                        | Mutant X (CC)                                       |                                                     | Testees (CC)                                               | Trailer Park                 | Saving Grace (N) (CC)                      | House (CC)               |
|               | 620 | 523 | 9 | BVO  | Bravonews                                  | Cabaret                                                                | Law & Order "Hands Free"                            |                                                     | Without a Trace "Fight/Flight"                             |                              | Mi Vida Loca *** (1993) Angel Aviles. (CC) |                          |
|               | 601 | 562 | 9 | SLC  | Rich Ride, Poor Ride (CC)                  |                                                                        | ET Canada                                           | 1) Tilt Debt-Part                                   | Real Housewives OC                                         |                              | Trading Spouses                            | Paradise Hotel           |
|               | 520 | 505 | 9 | DIS  | Deadliest Catch (N) (CC)                   |                                                                        | Daily Planet (CC)                                   |                                                     | Destroyed                                                  | Time Warp                    | Deadliest Catch (CC)                       | How It's Made            |
|               | 522 | 506 | 9 | HIS  | NCIS "Requiem" (CC)                        |                                                                        | Sandhogs "3745 Feet" (CC)                           |                                                     | Crime Stories (CC)                                         |                              | NCIS "Requiem" (CC)                        | Sea Hunters              |
|               | 627 | 528 | 9 | SPC  | Super Heroes                               |                                                                        | Stargate SG-1 "The Menace"                          |                                                     | Star Trek: Next: Gener.                                    |                              | Star Trek: Voyager (CC)                    | Star Trek: Ent.          |
|               | 294 | 620 | 9 | TBS  | The Office                                 | My Boys (N)                                                            | The Office                                          | Seinfeld                                            | Sex and-City                                               | Sex and-City                 | Friends (CC)                               | Zoalander ** (2001) (CC) |
|               | 619 | 525 | 9 | TROP | Vanity                                     | Tube Tales                                                             | Tube Tales                                          | Seinfeld                                            | Seinfeld                                                   | Raymond                      | Family Guy                                 | Married... With          |
|               | 603 | 561 | 9 | FN   | Good Eats                                  | Good Eats                                                              | Iron Chef America (CC)                              |                                                     | Unwrapped                                                  |                              | The F Word                                 | Good Eats                |
| cable variety | 626 | 547 | 9 | COM  | Air Farce                                  | Just for Laughs (CC)                                                   |                                                     | Corner Gas                                          | The Simpsons                                               |                              | Roast of Jeff Foxworthy                    | Daily Show               |
|               | 320 | 621 | 9 | CEN  | Reservation Road ** (2007, Drama) (CC)     |                                                                        | (45) Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day *** (2008) (CC) |                                                     | (20) A Mighty Heart ***                                    |                              |                                            |                          |
|               | 561 | 594 | 9 | MTV  | College Life                               | Beatdown                                                               | MTV Live                                            | After                                               | Fantasy Fact.                                              | Nitro Circus                 | College Life                               | Beatdown                 |
|               | 281 | 396 | 9 | V    | I Prophesy                                 | Supernatural                                                           | Poltergeist: The Legacy                             |                                                     | Buster *** (1988) Phil Collins, Julie Walters, Larry Lamb. |                              | Philly Lam.                                | Paid Program             |
|               | -   | -   | 9 | MUL  | Eight Heroes                               | Mom's-Upset                                                            | Il Caffe                                            |                                                     | In Germany                                                 | Euromaxx                     | Schauplatz                                 | Euro. Journal            |
|               |     |     |   |      |                                            |                                                                        |                                                     |                                                     |                                                            |                              |                                            | Patrol World             |

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**The Biggest Loser**  
Does it get any more exciting than this, America? Trainers Bob Harper and Jillian Michaels take the contestants to a grocery store to learn how to shop healthy on a budget! Come to think of it, these days that actually is kind of exciting. Sad, really. Also, the contestants compete in a trivia challenge to win an all-expense-paid trip to New York. 8 PM on JOY NBC



**Saving Grace**  
Is this one of those good news, bad news things? When Grace (Holly Hunter) learns that her widowed brother-in-law, Doug (Chris Mulkey), is dating the new bartender at Louie's, she wonders how his son, Clay (Dylan Minnette), will take it — especially since they're talking about moving away. The murder of a young jogger has the squad revisiting similar past cases. Leon (Bokeem Woodbine) gets a blast from his past in the new episode "But There's Clay." 10 PM on SHO



Grey's Anatomy star Ellen Pompeo and her husband, Chris Ivery, are starting a family together, her rep, Jennifer Allen, confirms to people.com "It's great news," says Allen. "They're ecstatic." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

## Celebrity Buzz

### Rupert denies having work done

**IMAGE** Rupert Everett has vehemently denied accusations he has undergone cosmetic surgery — following a string of Internet rumours suggesting he had a facelift, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

A picture of the actor looking noticeably fresh-faced and wrinkle-free surfaced online earlier last week following the star's recent appearance on Rachael Ray's TV show.

The image

has fuelled speculation that Everett, 49, has resorted to drastic measures in a bid to gain a more youthful appearance. But a spokesman for the star is adamant he has not undergone any cosmetic procedures.

The rep tells British newspaper the Daily Mail, "Why would Rupert need any surgery? He's a beautiful man. Any speculation is completely laughable. He hasn't had anything done and he doesn't need it."

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### A-list crowd celebrates Kate's 30th

**PARTYING** Kate Hudson, whose actual 30th birthday was Sunday, bid farewell to her 20s with a star-studded blowout birthday bash Friday night in Pacific Palisades, Calif.

Noticeably absent? Owen Wilson, the actress' on-again-off-again beau. Not that the party — at the home of Hudson's mom, Goldie Hawn, 63, and her partner Kurt Russell, 58 — lacked for a jaw-dropping roster of A-list guests, including Demi Moore, Ashton

Kutcher, Justin Timberlake (though without girlfriend Jessica Biel), Matthew McConaughey, Tobey Maguire, Jessica Alba, Cash Warren, Gwyneth Paltrow and husband Chris Martin, Gwen Stefani, Eva Mendes, Adam Sandler, Zach Braff — even Cher. "Kate was elated, dancing all night, having the time of her life — and she looked amazing in a very sexy little dress and (Christian) Louboutin heels," a source tells People.



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### Teri makes Nicollette a farewell gift

**CURTAINS** Nicollette Sheridan's character Edie Britt finally bit the bullet on Sunday's Desperate Housewives. Her death took place in the first few minutes of the episode: She was driving home and crashed into a utility pole.

While she may have left Wisteria Lane, Sheridan did not leave empty handed. Teri Hatcher made Sheridan a scrapbook before she left, usmagazine reports. "I pulled pictures from all

the different seasons and magazine articles and quotes, shots from the awards — everything we've all done together over the five years," she said.

Sheridan recently complained to TV Guide that she felt creator Marc Cherry ignored her on the show and that that was one of the reasons why she was leaving. But co-star Dana Delaney tells Us, "You know, it's a huge cast. It's easy to say that, but I think she had as much screen time as anybody else did."

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## Mel heads to church

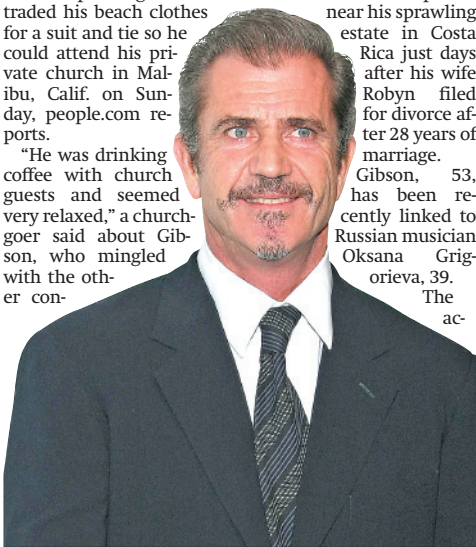
**GOOD BEHAVIOUR** Mel Gibson, who spent last week in Costa Rica following news of his pending divorce, traded his beach clothes for a suit and tie so he could attend his private church in Malibu, Calif. on Sunday, people.com reports.

"He was drinking coffee with church guests and seemed very relaxed," a churchgoer said about Gibson, who mingled with the other con-

gregants for about an hour after mass.

Before Sunday, the actor-filmmaker was spotted near his sprawling estate in Costa Rica just days after his wife Robyn filed for divorce after 28 years of marriage.

Gibson, 53, has been recently linked to Russian musician Oksana Grigorieva, 39. The ac-



tor, who appeared to be on vacation, was not alone. He was spotted with a blonde-haired woman, a man in his 20s and a young boy who never left his side, said a witness. Grigorieva was not seen on their outings. "(He) went to eat ice cream and then he went shopping," said José Morales, an employee at a car-rental agency, who spotted the group last week.

The visitors ordered espresso and double-scoops of ice cream before Gibson spent more than \$500 US on souvenirs, which included wooden bowls and potholders, says another witness.

On Saturday, Gibson left Costa Rica. He was seen Sunday attending 9 a.m. mass at the Church of the Holy Family, hidden in the tree-covered mountains outside of Los Angeles.

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### Will Naomi settle down in Moscow?

**RELOCATION** Naomi Campbell is reportedly planning to move to Russia to set up home with her billionaire boyfriend. The beauty has been dating Vladislav Doronin since May and divides her time between her homes in London and New York.

But Campbell wants to settle down with Doronin and plans to make Moscow her new base, according to Britain's Mail On Sunday.

A friend of the model tells the publication, "Naomi and Vladislav are inseparable and she has been spending more and more time in Moscow."

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### Lindsay is 'back on men'

**REBOUND** Lindsay Lohan is "back on men" and left a Las Vegas party with a mystery male on Saturday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress, who was recently dumped by DJ Samantha Ronson following a year-long romance, was seen flirting with the unnamed hunk at Planet Hollywood Resort and Casi-

no in Las Vegas — the venue for the after-party for Mel B's new burlesque show Peepshow.

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### Is Jen reviving her TIFF fling?

**SPECULATION** It seems that Jennifer Aniston isn't hanging around after splitting from John Mayer for the umpteenth time as she is reportedly romancing Gerard Butler, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former Friends star broke up with Mayer last month after a tumultuous on/off relationship.

The actress approached Butler to star alongside her in forthcoming movie The Gora Girls — and their working partnership could become something more after the pair enjoyed a

short-lived romance last year, according to Britain's Mail on Sunday newspaper.

"They had a fling at the Toronto Film Festival last year but it was all kept very quiet," a source tells the publication. "Now Jennifer's single again, she's no longer keeping her admiration for him secret."

Aniston and Mayer have dated on and off since April 2008. But Aniston and Butler sparked romance rumours at the Toronto International Film Festival in September.

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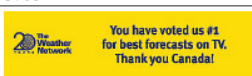
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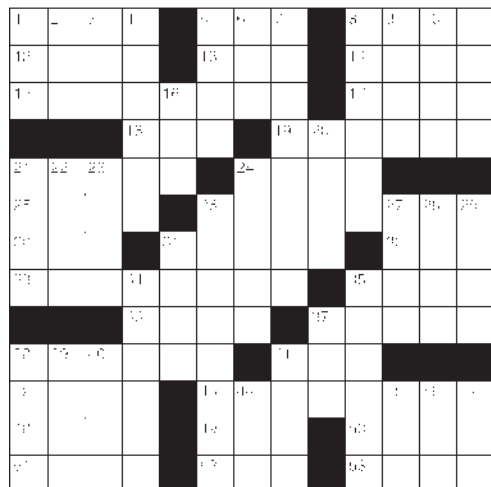
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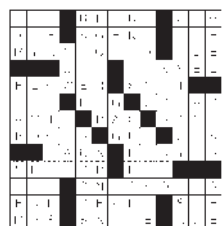
### Crossword across

- 1 Did some weeding
- 5 Cudgel
- 8 "National Treasure" actor
- 12 Roundish hairdo
- 13 Inventor Whitney
- 14 Rainbow
- 15 Just lie there
- 17 Gridlock elements
- 18 Deity
- 19 Within one's power
- 21 Xbox enthusiast
- 24 Crow or crane
- 25 "Metamorphoses" poet
- 26 Military headquarters
- 30 Automaton, for short
- 31 Leans to one side
- 32 Singer DiFranco
- 33 Cameo's opposite
- 35 Shell-less snail
- 36 Mah-jong piece
- 37 Tether
- 38 "— Preacher Man"
- 41 Vast expanse
- 42 Related (to)
- 43 Hamburger's hello
- 48 1492 vessel
- 49 Greek vowel
- 50 Pop choice
- 51 Carina
- 52 Tatter
- 53 Basin accessory

### Crossword down

- 1 Owns
- 2 Frequently
- 3 Mound stat
- 4 Followed relentlessly
- 5 Rosary component
- 6 Elev.
- 7 Included as a part of
- 8 Locust
- 9 Speedy steed
- 10 "You go, —!"
- 11 Being, to Brutus
- 16 Neither mate
- 20 Table scraps
- 21 Asian desert
- 22 Shakespeare's river
- 23 Catcher's prop
- 24 Prove untrue
- 26 Pirate
- 27 Festive
- 28 Responsibility
- 29 At hand
- 31 Workweek's end initials
- 34 Lacking a musical key
- 35 Rap session?
- 37 Director Spike
- 38 Foundered
- 39 "Grapes of Wrath" type
- 40 Baseball team
- 41 Unescorted
- 44 Actress Hagen
- 45 AAA job
- 46 Hearty quaff
- 47 Needlefish

### PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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| 7 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 3 | 8 | 2 | 9 |
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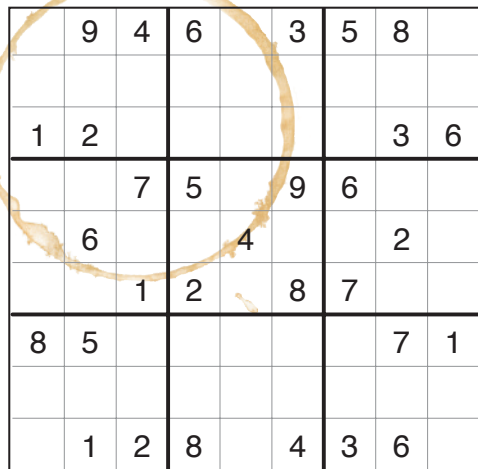
### SUDOKU SOLVE TIME:

- Under 13 min .....Genius  
13-17 min .....Scholar  
17-21 min .....Smart  
21-25 min .....Not bad  
25+ min .....Keep practising

### Sudoku

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**HOW TO PLAY:** Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



### Metro Recipe of the Day



### Herb and Saffron Risotto

#### INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tbsp (15 ml) butter
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 3/4 cups (425 ml) risotto rice
- 2/3 cup (150 ml) dry white wine
- Small pinch saffron strands
- 1 3/4 qt (1.75 L) vegetable stock, hot
- Fresh-grated zest of 1 lemon
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) lemon juice
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) snipped fresh chives
- 2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped parsley
- Salt and fresh-ground black pepper

#### TO SERVE:

- 1/2 oz (14 g) piece Parmesan cheese
- Snipped fresh chives

#### METHOD:

1. Melt butter with oil in large pot over medium heat. Add onion and sauté until soft, stirring occasionally, 4 to 5 minutes.
2. Add rice and stir 1 min-

ute. Stir in wine and boil until almost evaporated. 3. Stir saffron into hot stock. Add ladleful of stock to pot and slowly boil until absorbed, stirring frequently. Continue adding stock ladlefuls, letting each be almost absorbed before adding next, and stirring frequently. Total cooking time: 15 to 20 minutes. Risotto is ready when rice is tender but grains are still whole and firm, and overall texture is moist and creamy. 4. Remove pot from heat and stir in lemon zest and juice, chives and parsley. Season with salt and pepper to taste. 5. Using vegetable peeler, pare thin shavings from Parmesan and scatter over risotto together with chives.

**SERVES 6**



### Horoscopes

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Keep your sense of humour alive. A sad bid for lenience will fail. You won't want to resolve a disturbance.



#### TAURUS APRIL 21-MAY 21

A message will weaken your resistance. You'll find that insecurity has its rewards. A buddy shares his awareness of the facts.



#### GEMINI MAY 22-JUNE 21

Enjoy your freedom with a clear mind. Brush up on protocol before visiting a superior person. Good luck will be celebrated by a family.



#### CANCER JUNE 22-JULY 22

A dignified person wins over a loser. Climb out of a comfy rut if you want to get ahead. An opponent makes lousy decisions.



#### LEO JULY 23-AUG 23

A concerned friend will speak carefully. Don't bore yourself by brooding. You'll waste time with the wrong people.



#### VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

A shy person has an unshakable defence system. A needy guy gets a boost by a great job offer. Be ready to give something away.



#### LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

A foreigner inspires a happy moment. Focus your energy on warmth and tenderness. You shouldn't know about certain troubles.



#### SCORPIO OCT 24-NOV 22

A rule-breaker creates an excellent state of affairs. An irrational scheme shouldn't be shared. You will have second thoughts.



#### SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

You'll be magnanimous with outsiders. A craving for faithfulness creates discord. Weird noises cause a ridiculous ego clash.



#### CAPRICORN DEC 22-JAN 20

An elder inadvertently helps a bad guy. Glad tidings make dreams come true. A wonderful fantasy causes a revolution.



#### AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

You'll smile at an unexpected moment. An admirer is interested in your goals. Your motivation becomes strong and mighty.



#### PISCES FEB 19-MARCH 20

A senior's warning goes unheeded. A parent has an earth-shaking surprise. A younger person's influence will please you.



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## TONIGHT

THE COLLEGEHUMOR SHOW (6 & 9PM)

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BRITISH BEST FRIEND (6 & 9PM)

## THURSDAY

DADDY'S GIRLS (6 & 9PM)

## FRIDAY

DOGG AFTER DARK (6PM)  
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